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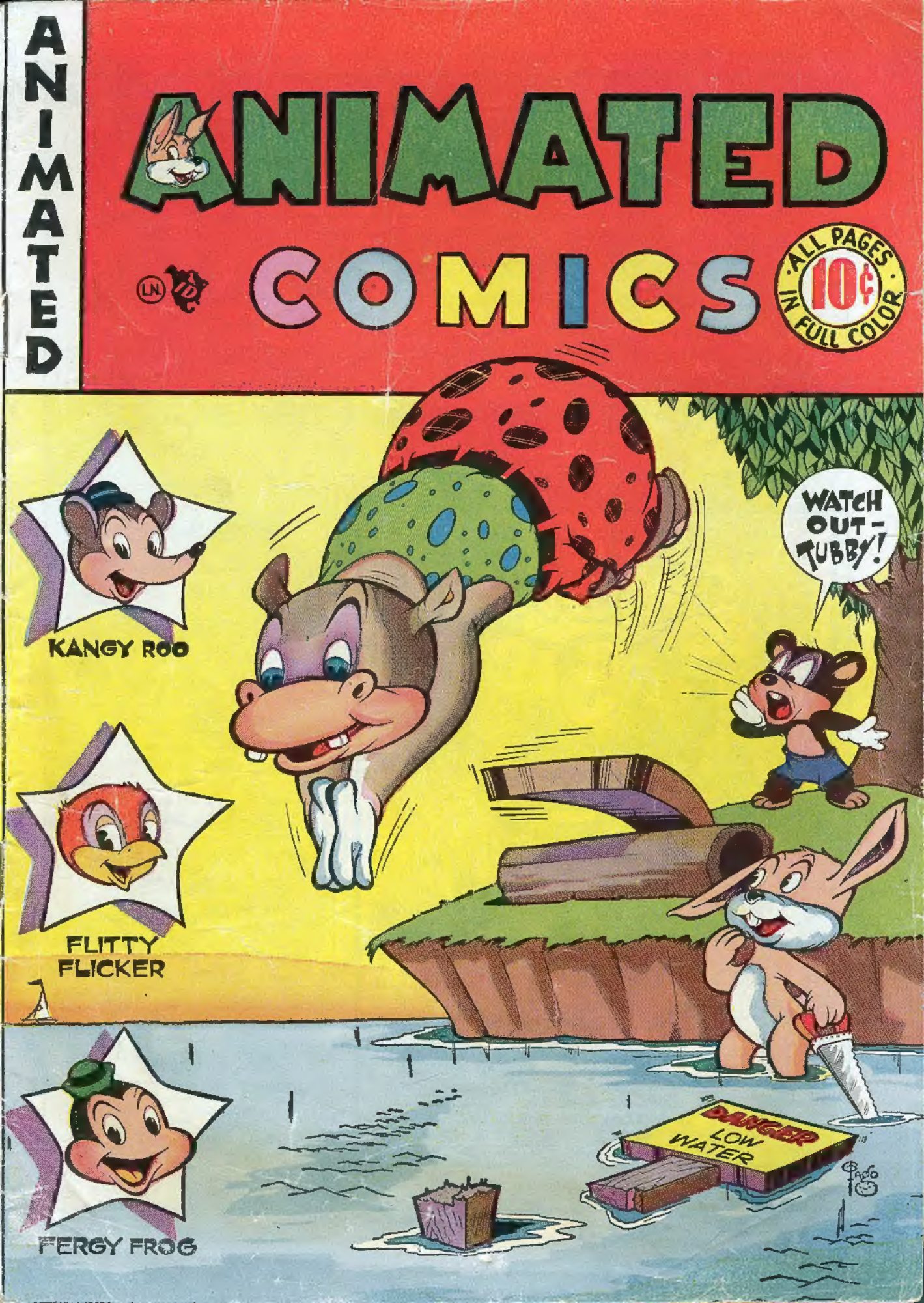

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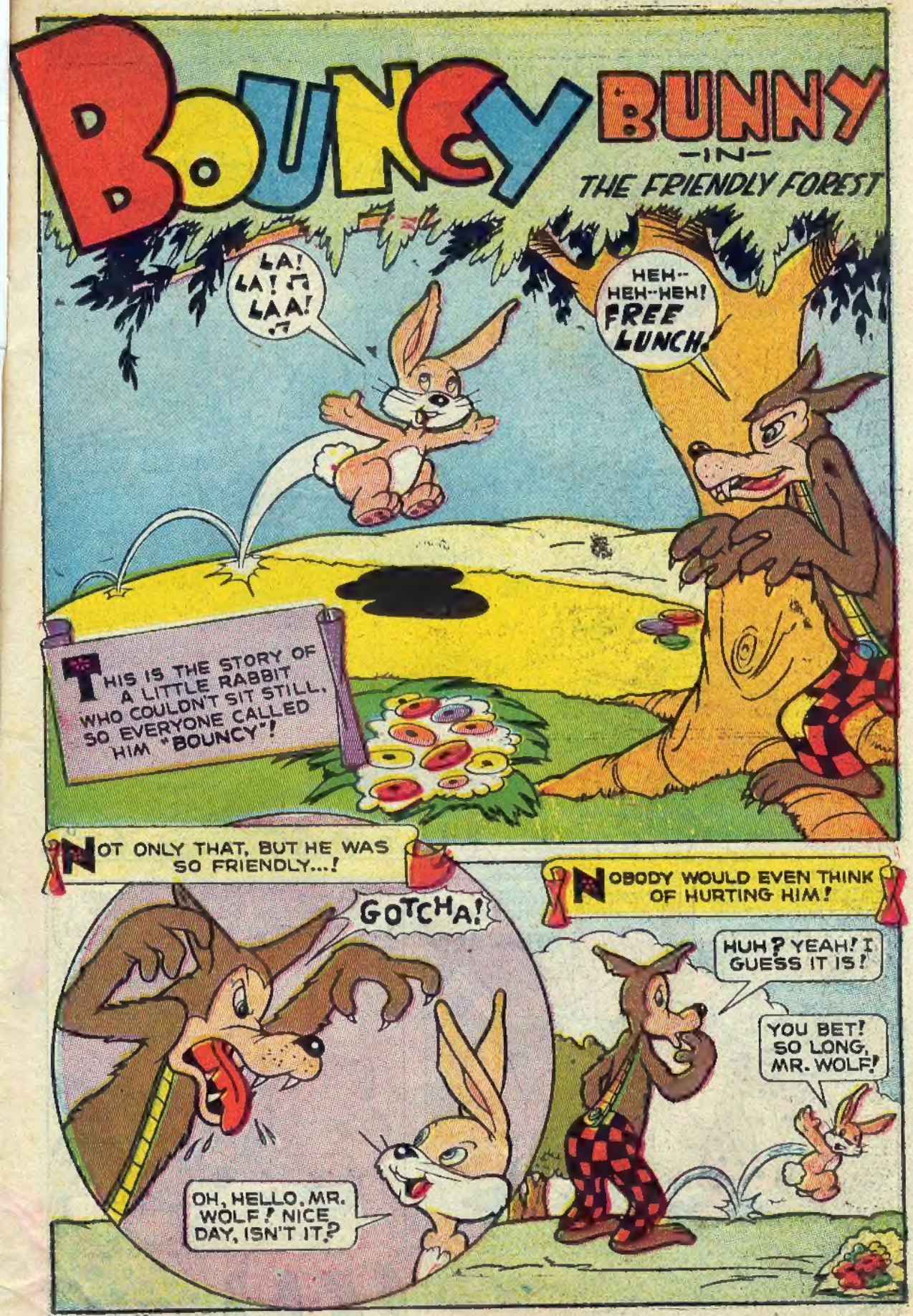
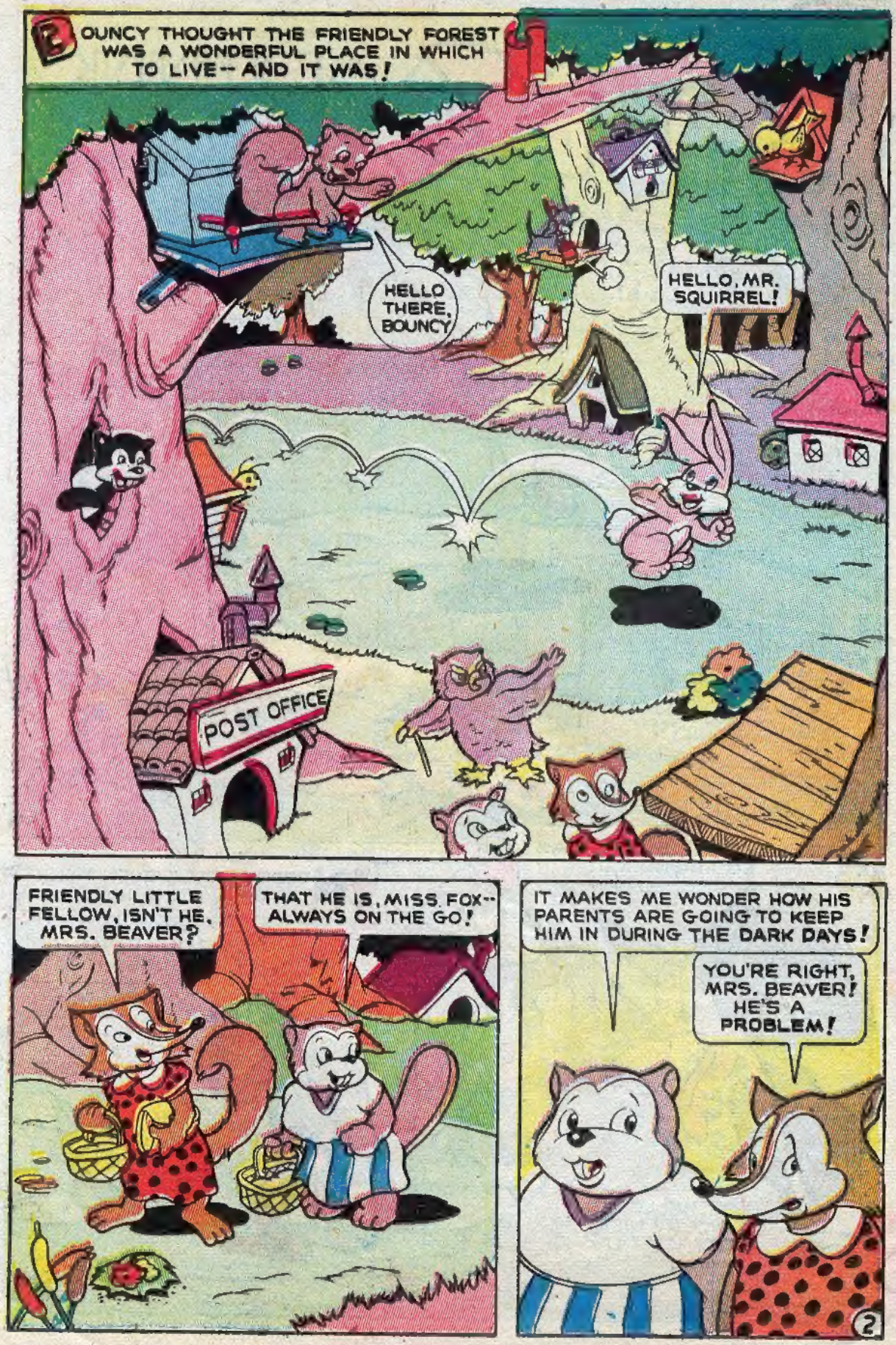

BOUNCY BUNNY
-IN-
THE FRIENDLY FOREST
LA! LA! LAA!
HEH-- HEH--HEH! FREE LUNCH!
THIS IS THE STORY OF A LITTLE RABBIT WHO COULDN'T SIT STILL, SO EVERYONE CALLED HIM "BOUNCY"!
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT HE WAS SO FRIENDLY...!
NOBODY WOULD EVEN THINK OF HURTING HIM!
GOTCHA!
OH, HELLO, MR. WOLF! NICE DAY, ISN'T IT?
HUH? YEAH! I GUESS IT IS!
YOU BET! SO LONG, MR. WOLF!


BOUNCY THOUGHT THE FRIENDLY FOREST WAS A WONDERFUL PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE -- AND IT WAS!
HELLO THERE, BOUNCY
HELLO, MR. SQUIRREL!
POST OFFICE
FRIENDLY LITTLE FELLOW, ISN'T HE, MRS. BEAVER?
THAT HE IS, MISS FOX -- ALWAYS ON THE GO!
IT MAKES ME WONDER HOW HIS PARENTS ARE GOING TO KEEP HIM IN DURING THE DARK DAYS!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MRS. BEAVER! HE'S A PROBLEM!
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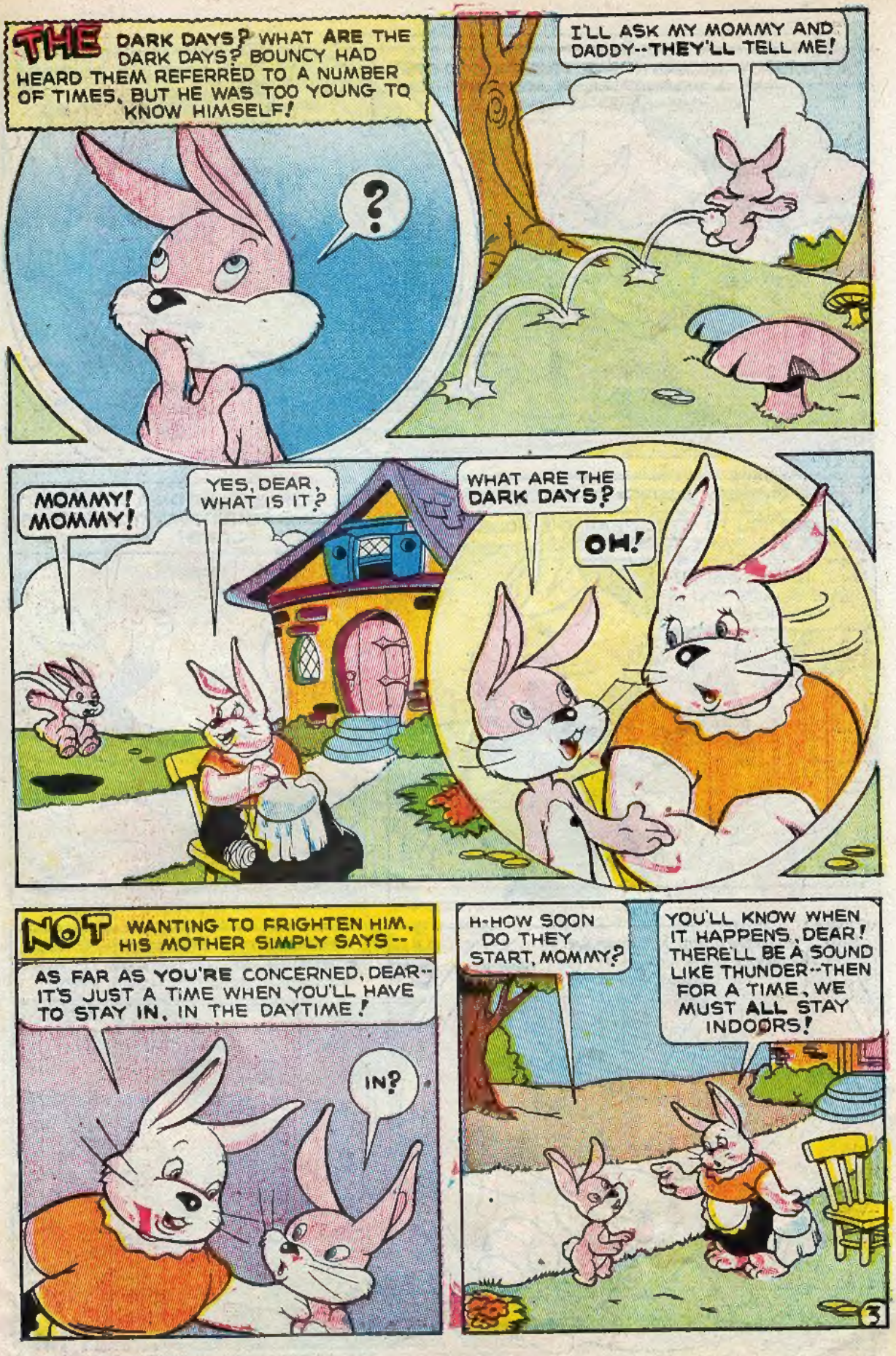
THE DARK DAYS? WHAT ARE THE DARK DAYS? BOUNCY HAD HEARD THEM REFERRED TO A NUMBER OF TIMES, BUT HE WAS TOO YOUNG TO KNOW HIMSELF!
?
I'LL ASK MY MOMMY AND DADDY--THEY'LL TELL ME!
MOMMY! MOMMY!
YES, DEAR, WHAT IS IT?
WHAT ARE THE DARK DAYS?
OH!
NOT WANTING TO FRIGHTEN HIM, HIS MOTHER SIMPLY SAYS--
AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED, DEAR--IT'S JUST A TIME WHEN YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY IN, IN THE DAYTIME!
IN?
H-HOW SOON DO THEY START, MOMMY?
YOU'LL KNOW WHEN IT HAPPENS, DEAR! THERE'LL BE A SOUND LIKE THUNDER--THEN FOR A TIME, WE MUST ALL STAY INDOORS!
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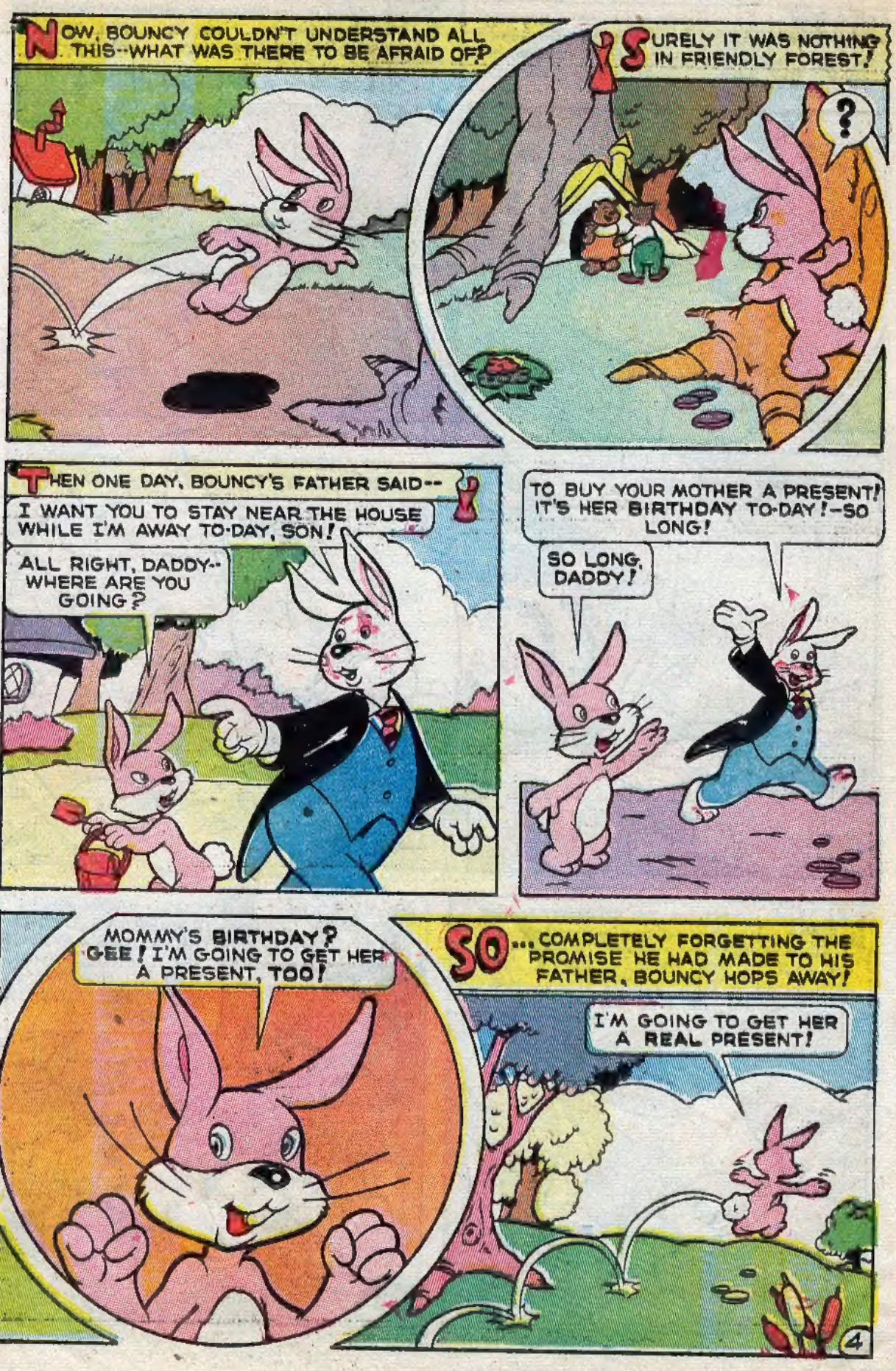
NOW, BOUNCY COULDN'T UNDERSTAND ALL THIS--WHAT WAS THERE TO BE AFRAID OF?
SURELY IT WAS NOTHING IN FRIENDLY FOREST!
?
THEN ONE DAY, BOUNCY'S FATHER SAID--
I WANT YOU TO STAY NEAR THE HOUSE WHILE I'M AWAY TO-DAY, SON!
ALL RIGHT, DADDY-- WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO BUY YOUR MOTHER A PRESENT! IT'S HER BIRTHDAY TO-DAY!--SO LONG!
SO LONG, DADDY!
MOMMY'S BIRTHDAY? GEE! I'M GOING TO GET HER A PRESENT, TOO!
SO... COMPLETELY FORGETTING THE PROMISE HE HAD MADE TO HIS FATHER, BOUNCY HOPS AWAY!
I'M GOING TO GET HER A REAL PRESENT!
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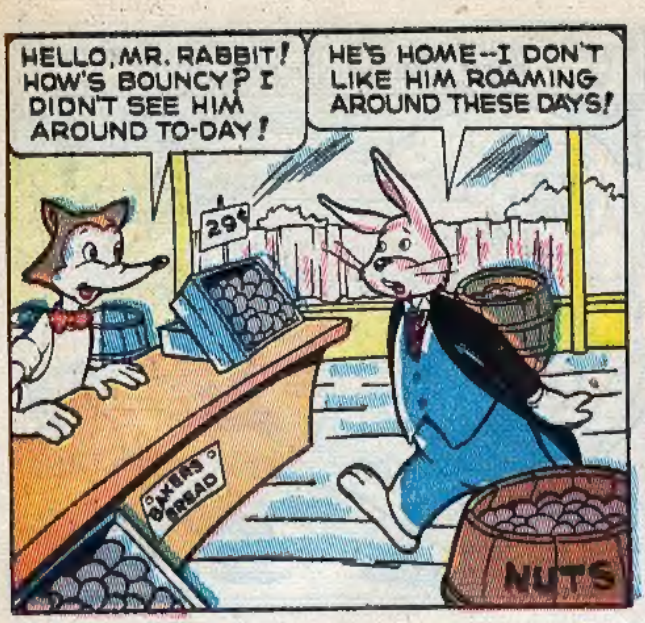
HELLO, MR. RABBIT! HOW'S BOUNCY? I DIDN'T SEE HIM AROUND TO-DAY!
HE'S HOME--I DON'T LIKE HIM ROAMING AROUND THESE DAYS!
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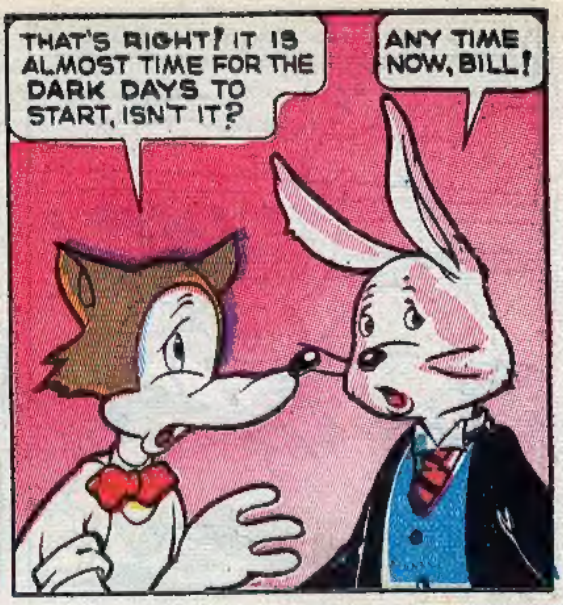
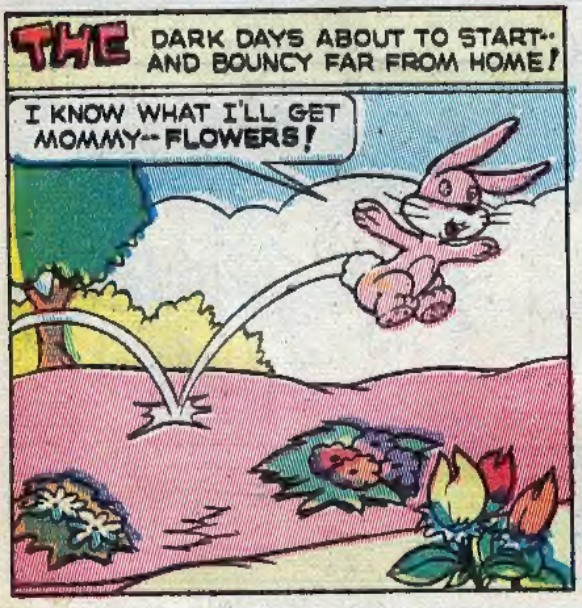
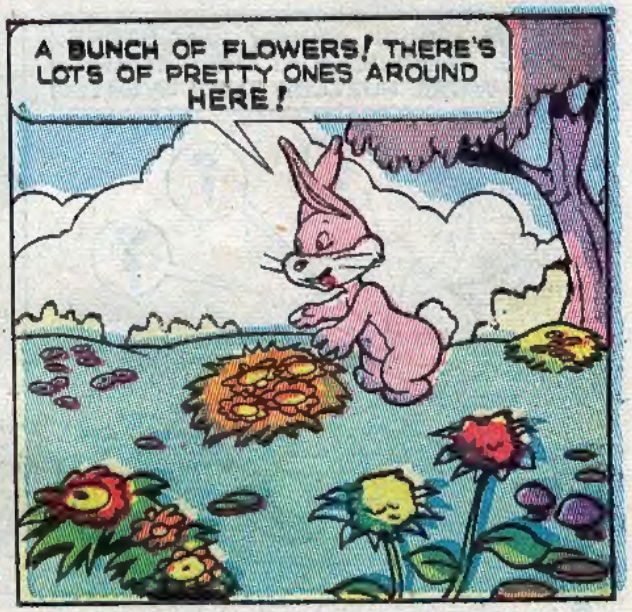
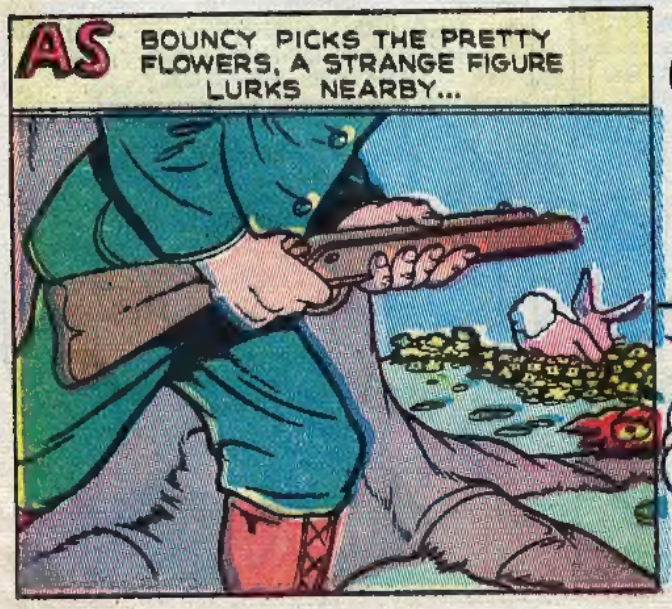
BAKERS BREAD
NUTS


THAT'S RIGHT! IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR THE DARK DAYS TO START, ISN'T IT?
ANY TIME NOW, BILL!


THE DARK DAYS ABOUT TO START-- AND BOUNCY FAR FROM HOME!
I KNOW WHAT I'LL GET MOMMY-- FLOWERS!


A BUNCH OF FLOWERS! THERE'S LOTS OF PRETTY ONES AROUND HERE!


AS BOUNCY PICKS THE PRETTY FLOWERS, A STRANGE FIGURE LURKS NEARBY...

THEN SUDDENLY, THE NOISE LIKE THUNDER!
BLAM
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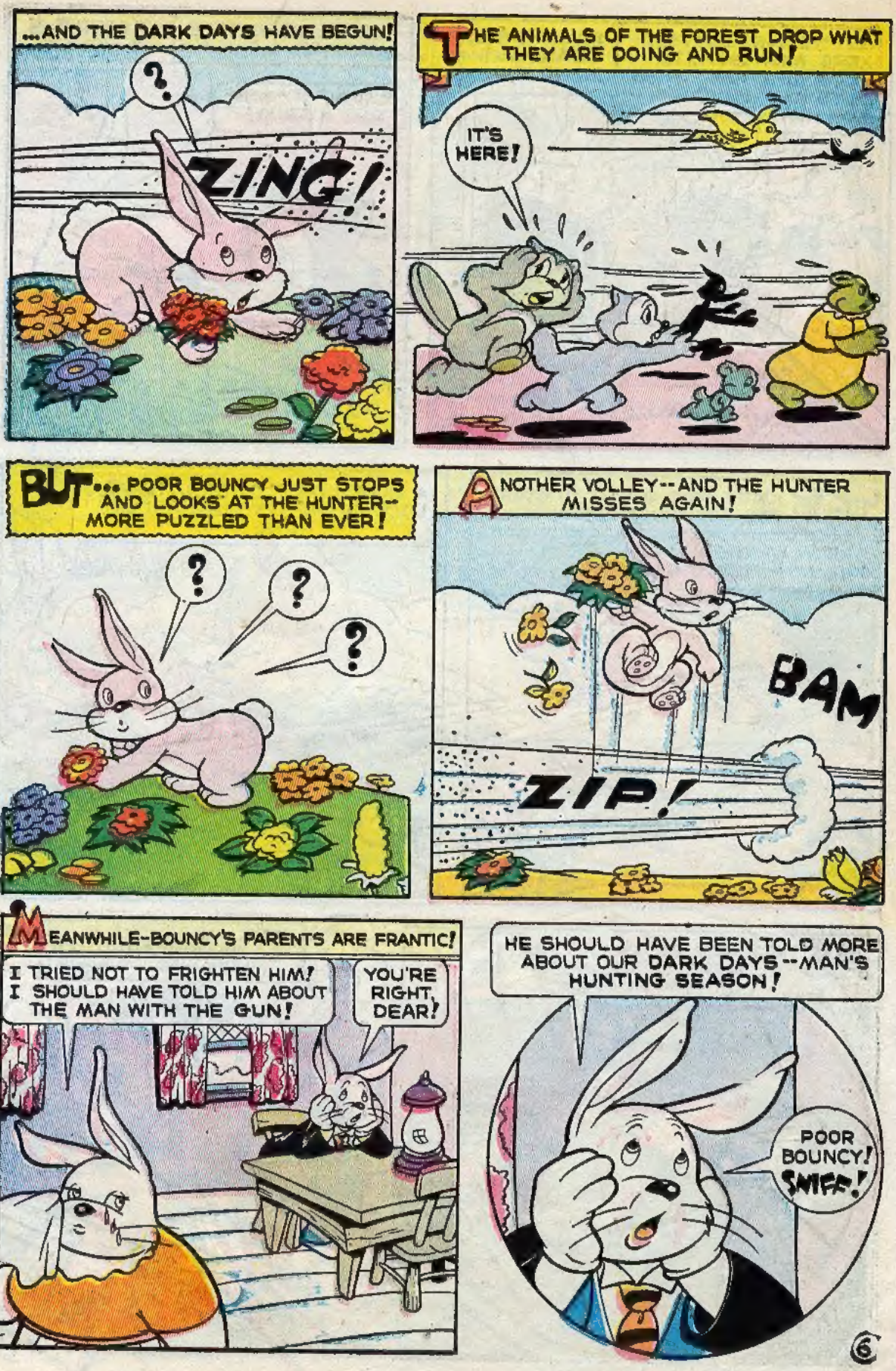
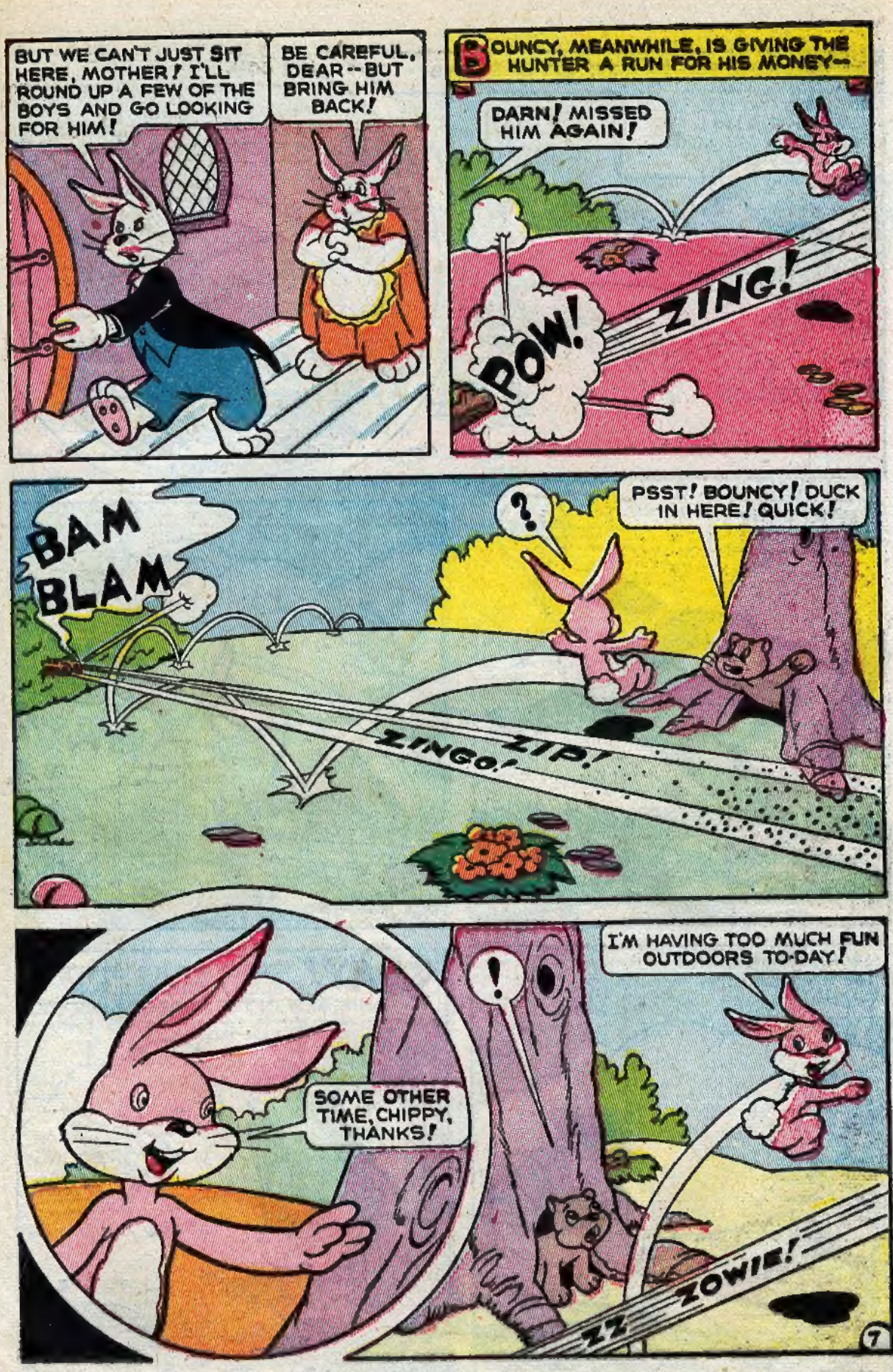

...AND THE DARK DAYS HAVE BEGUN!
?
ZING!
THE ANIMALS OF THE FOREST DROP WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND RUN!
IT'S HERE!
BUT... POOR BOUNCY JUST STOPS AND LOOKS AT THE HUNTER--MORE PUZZLED THAN EVER!
? ? ?
ANOTHER VOLLEY--AND THE HUNTER MISSES AGAIN!
BAM
ZIP!
MEANWHILE-BOUNCY'S PARENTS ARE FRANTIC!
I TRIED NOT TO FRIGHTEN HIM! I SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM ABOUT THE MAN WITH THE GUN!
YOU'RE RIGHT, DEAR!
HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TOLD MORE ABOUT OUR DARK DAYS--MAN'S HUNTING SEASON!
POOR BOUNCY! SNIFF!


BUT WE CAN'T JUST SIT HERE, MOTHER! I'LL ROUND UP A FEW OF THE BOYS AND GO LOOKING FOR HIM!
BE CAREFUL, DEAR -- BUT BRING HIM BACK!
BOUNCY, MEANWHILE, IS GIVING THE HUNTER A RUN FOR HIS MONEY--
DARN! MISSED HIM AGAIN!
POW!
ZING!
BAM BLAM
?
PSST! BOUNCY! DUCK IN HERE! QUICK!
ZINGO!
ZIP!
SOME OTHER TIME, CHIPPY, THANKS!
!
I'M HAVING TOO MUCH FUN OUTDOORS TO-DAY!
ZZ
ZOWIE!
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FINALLY—THE HUNTER RUNS OUT OF SHELLS—
SPUNKY LITTLE DEVIL! COME HERE! I'LL CATCH YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS!
HA! HA!
OH-OH! GROUND VINES! THAT'LL FIX HIM!
HAH! NOW I GOTCHA!
OOPS!
WHAM!
HA-HA HA-HA HA-HA!
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SA-AY! YOU'RE A CUTE LITTLE FELLA'! ARE ALL THE ANIMALS IN THE FOREST LIKE YOU?
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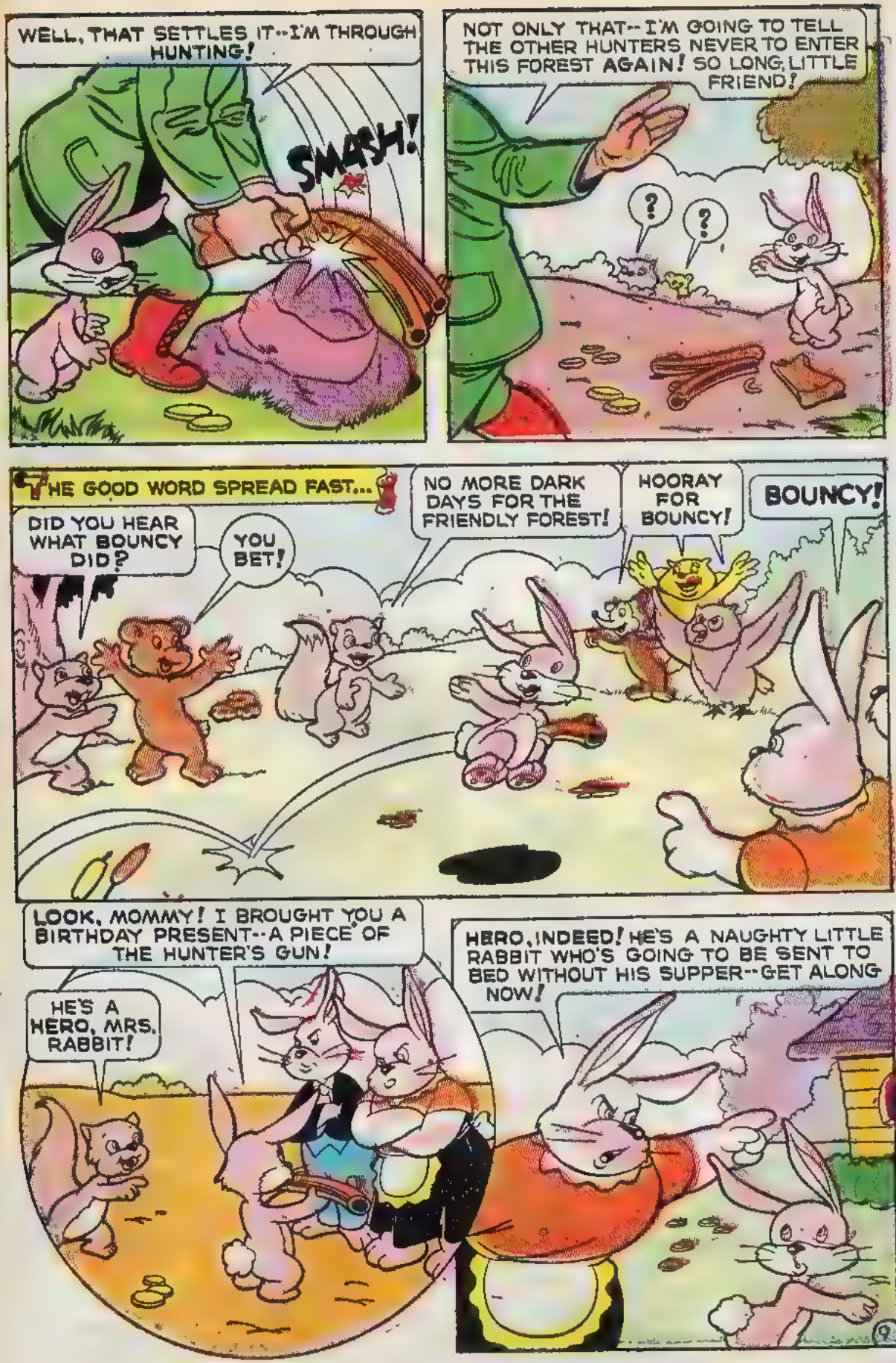
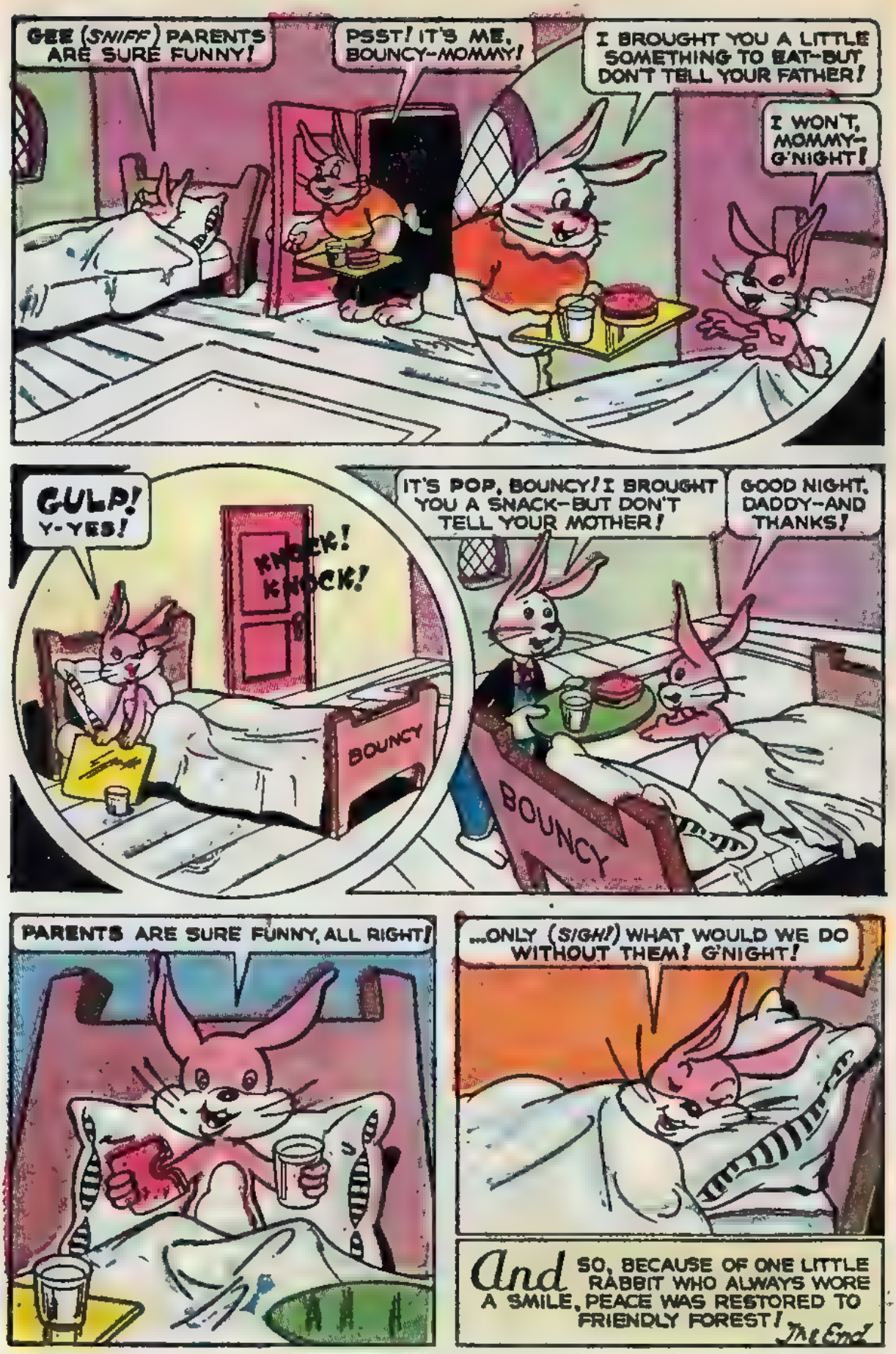
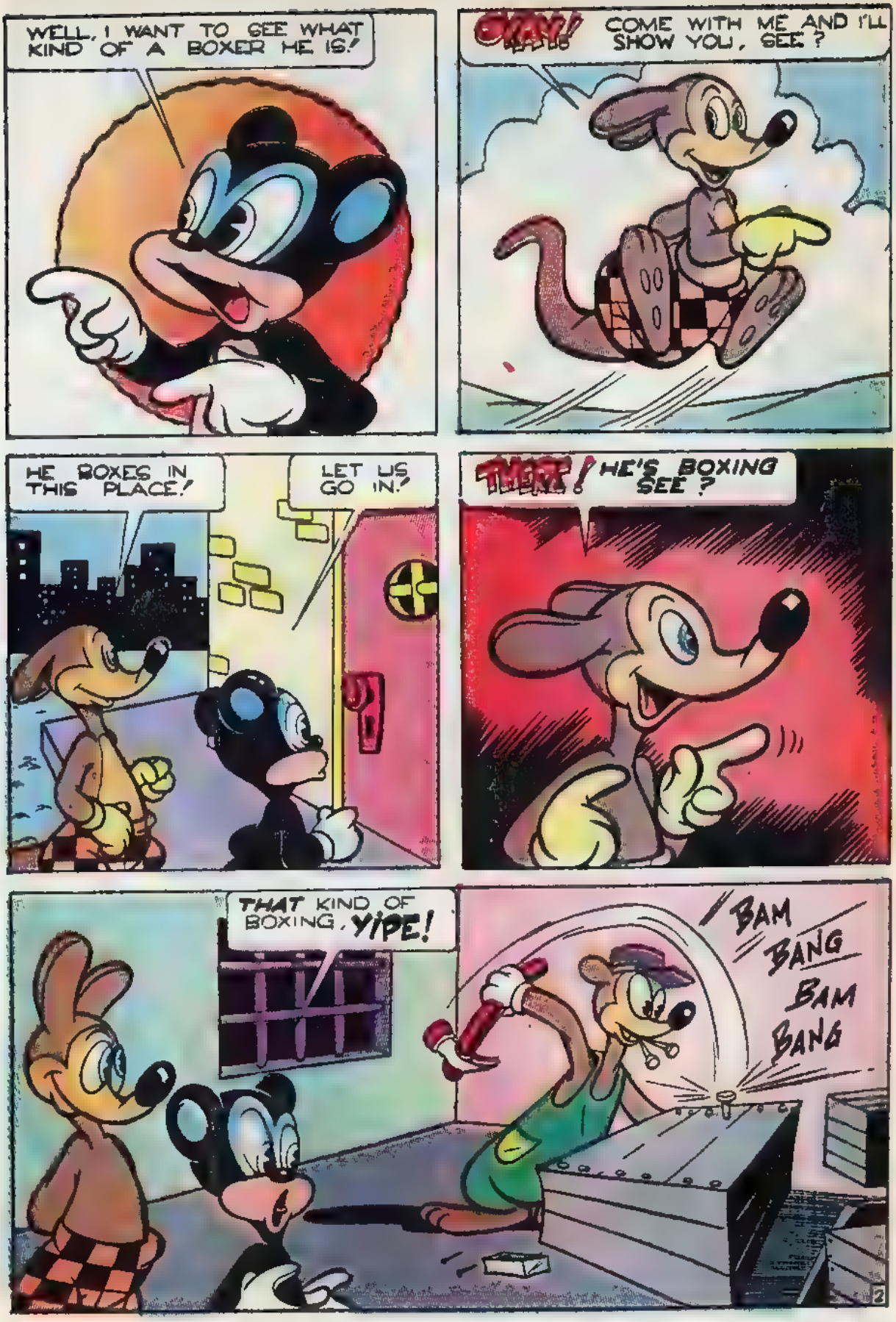

WELL, THAT SETTLES IT--I'M THROUGH HUNTING!
SMASH!
NOT ONLY THAT--I'M GOING TO TELL THE OTHER HUNTERS NEVER TO ENTER THIS FOREST AGAIN! SO LONG, LITTLE FRIEND!
?
?
THE GOOD WORD SPREAD FAST...
DID YOU HEAR WHAT BOUNCY DID?
YOU BET!
NO MORE DARK DAYS FOR THE FRIENDLY FOREST!
HOORAY FOR BOUNCY!
BOUNCY!
LOOK, MOMMY! I BROUGHT YOU A BIRTHDAY PRESENT--A PIECE OF THE HUNTER'S GUN!
HE'S A HERO, MRS. RABBIT!
HERO, INDEED! HE'S A NAUGHTY LITTLE RABBIT WHO'S GOING TO BE SENT TO BED WITHOUT HIS SUPPER--GET ALONG NOW!


GEE (SNIFF) PARENTS ARE SURE FUNNY!
PSST! IT'S ME, BOUNCY-MOMMY!
I BROUGHT YOU A LITTLE SOMETHING TO EAT--BUT DON'T TELL YOUR FATHER!
I WON'T, MOMMY--G'NIGHT!
GULP! Y-YES!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
BOUNCY
IT'S POP, BOUNCY! I BROUGHT YOU A SNACK--BUT DON'T TELL YOUR MOTHER!
GOOD NIGHT, DADDY--AND THANKS!
BOUNCY
PARENTS ARE SURE FUNNY, ALL RIGHT!
...ONLY (SIGH!) WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT THEM! G'NIGHT!
And SO, BECAUSE OF ONE LITTLE RABBIT WHO ALWAYS WORE A SMILE, PEACE WAS RESTORED TO FRIENDLY FOREST!
The End

KANGY ROO
WELL! HERE COMES MY PAL!
HELLO, KANGY! HOW ARE YOU? I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
ABOUT WHAT?
I HEARD THAT YOUR POP WAS A BOXER!
HE'S A GOOD BOXER! THE BEST THERE IS!
SO IS MY DAD!


WELL, I WANT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF A BOXER HE IS!
OKAY! COME WITH ME AND I'LL SHOW YOU, SEE?
HE BOXES IN THIS PLACE!
LET US GO IN!
THAT'S! HE'S BOXING SEE?
THAT KIND OF BOXING, YIPE!
BAM BANG BAM BANG
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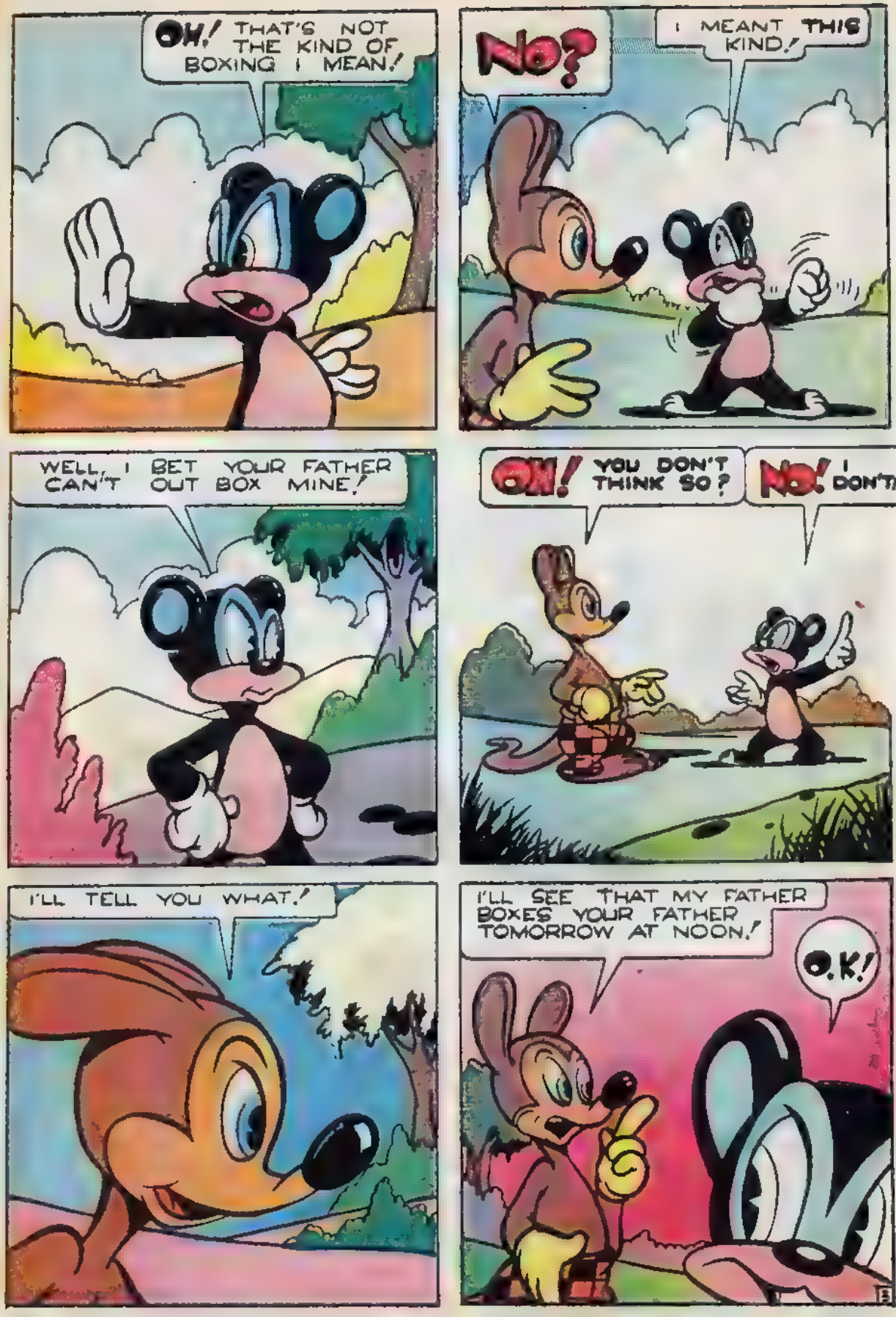
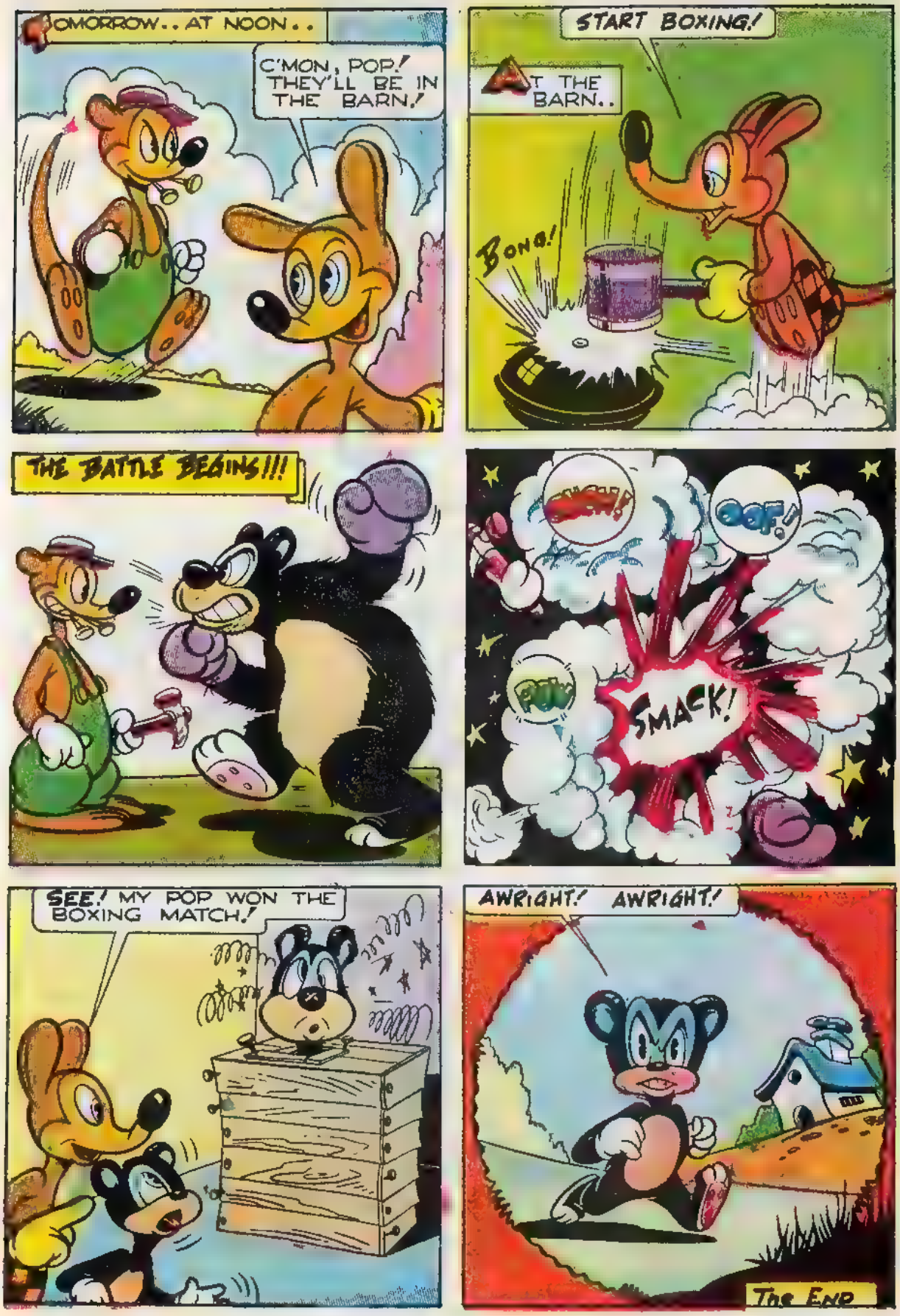

OH! THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF BOXING I MEAN!
No?
I MEANT THIS KIND!
WELL, I BET YOUR FATHER CAN'T OUT BOX MINE!
OH! YOU DON'T THINK SO?
NO! I DON'T!
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT!
I'LL SEE THAT MY FATHER BOXES YOUR FATHER TOMORROW AT NOON!
O.K!


OMORROW.. AT NOON..
C'MON, POP! THEY'LL BE IN THE BARN!
START BOXING!
T THE BARN..
BONG!
THE BATTLE BEGINS!!!
SMACK!
SEE! MY POP WON THE BOXING MATCH!
AWRIGHT! AWRIGHT!
THE END

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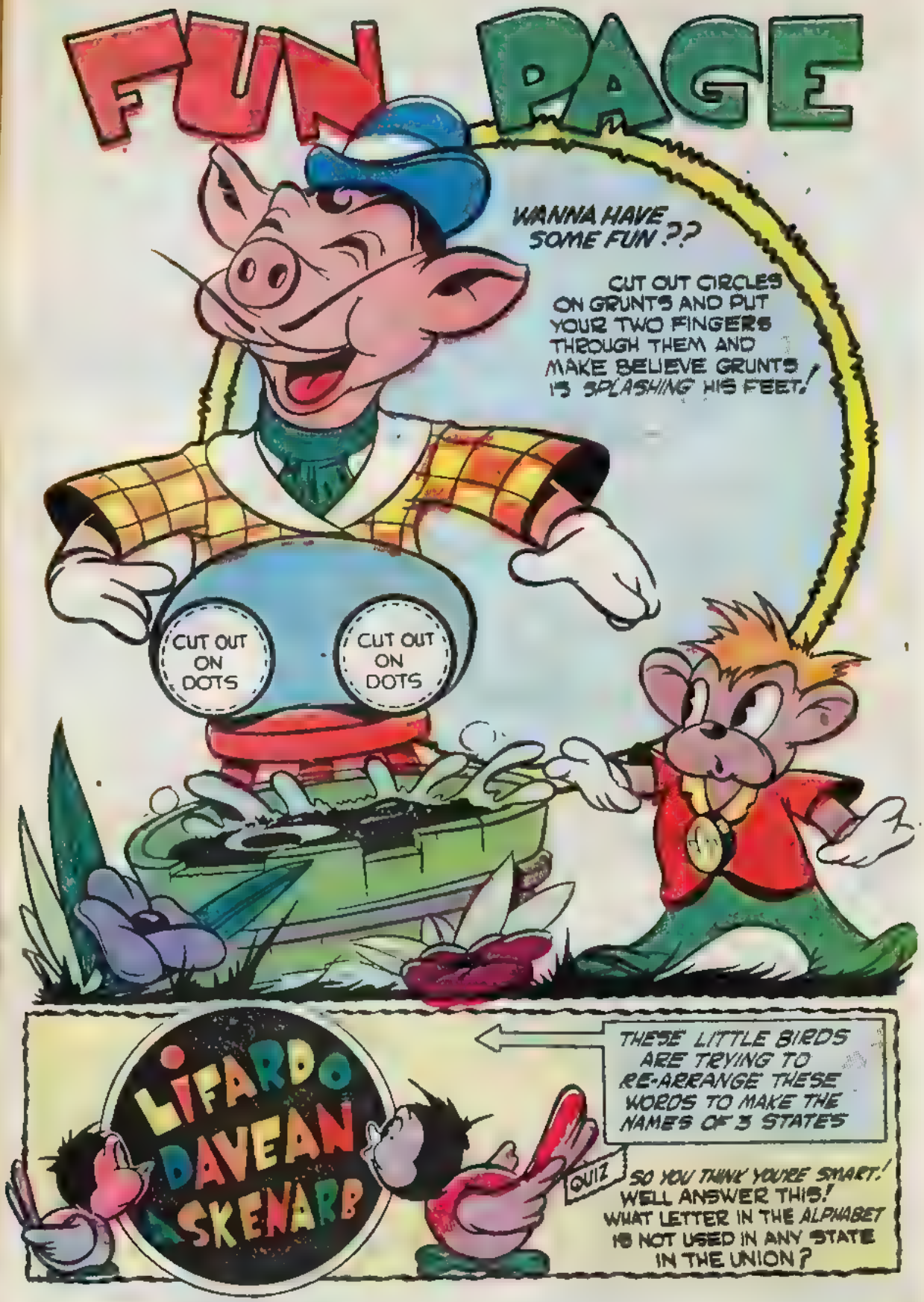
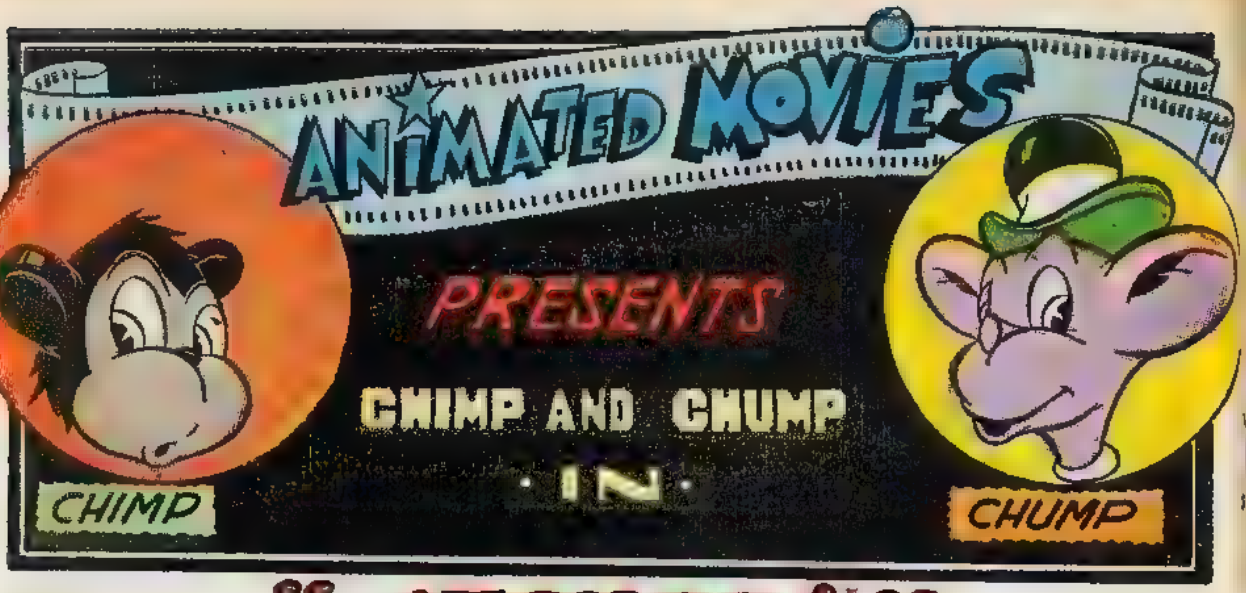
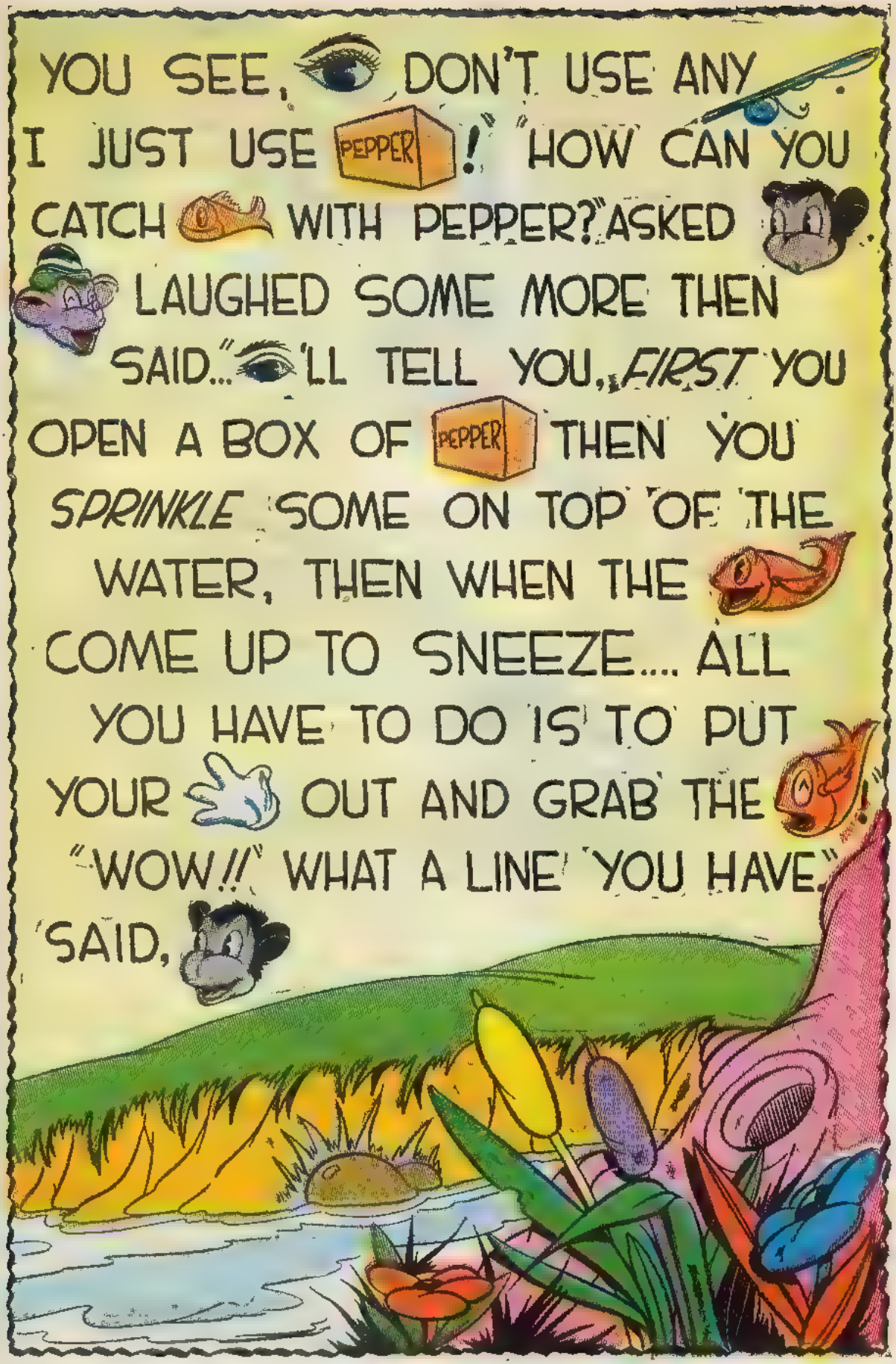
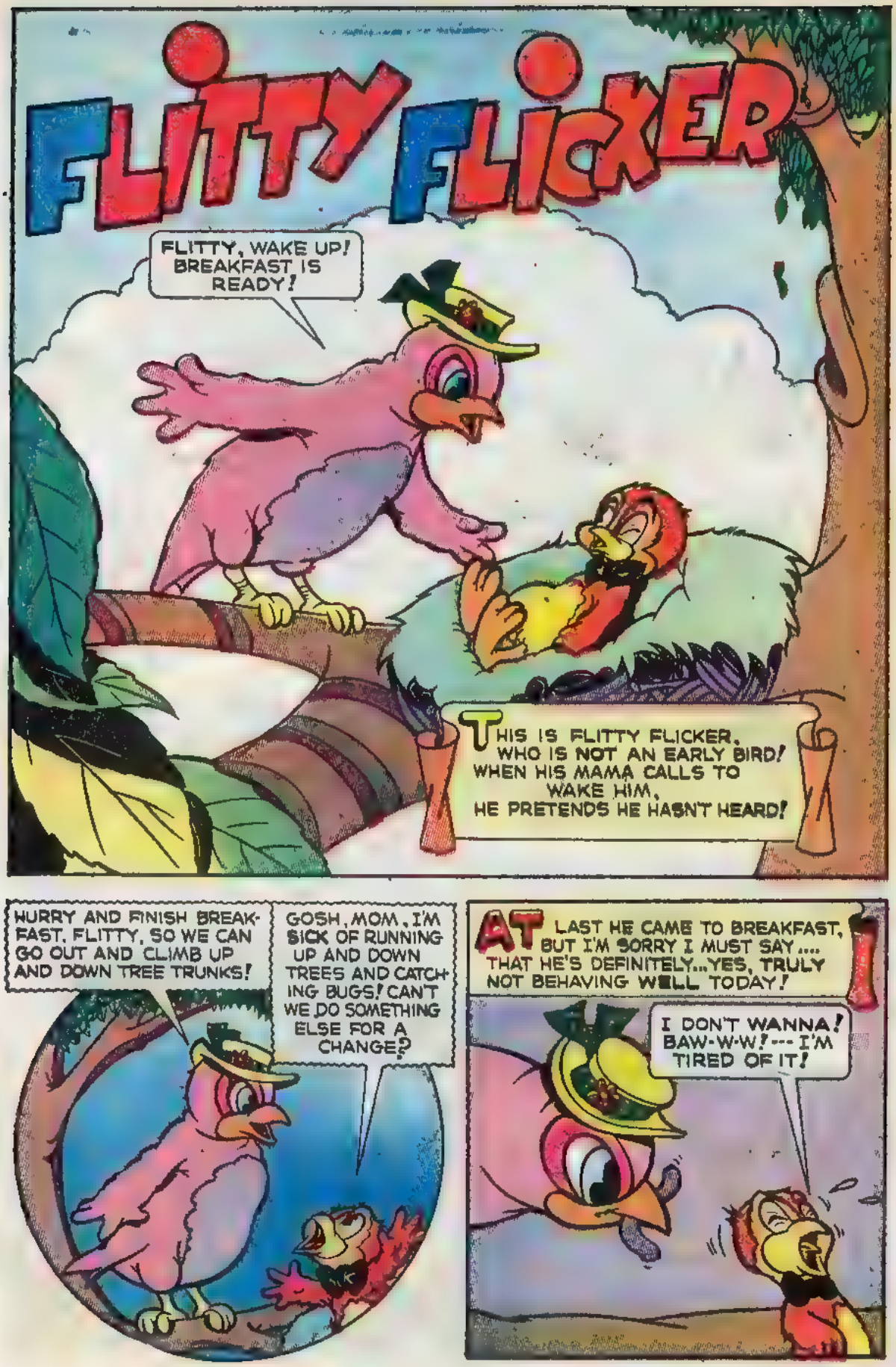

WANNA HAVE SOME FUN ??
CUT OUT CIRCLES ON GRUNTS AND PUT YOUR TWO FINGERS THROUGH THEM AND MAKE BELIEVE GRUNTS IS SPLASHING HIS FEET!
CUT OUT ON DOTS
CUT OUT ON DOTS
LIFARDO
DAVEAN
SKENARB
THESE LITTLE BIRDS ARE TRYING TO RE-ARRANGE THESE WORDS TO MAKE THE NAMES OF 3 STATES
QUIZ
SO YOU THINK YOU'RE SMART! WELL ANSWER THIS! WHAT LETTER IN THE ALPHABET IS NOT USED IN ANY STATE IN THE UNION?

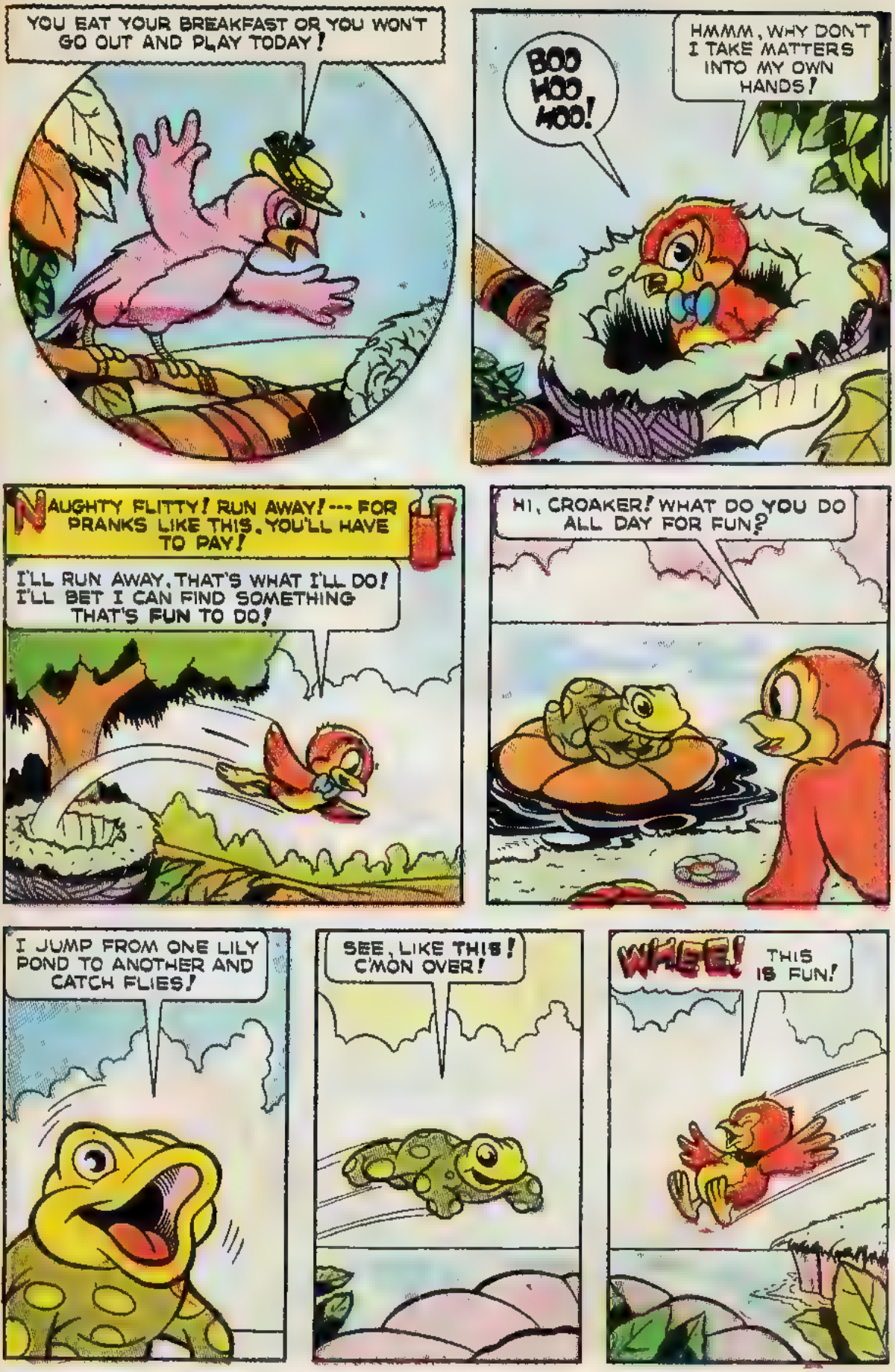


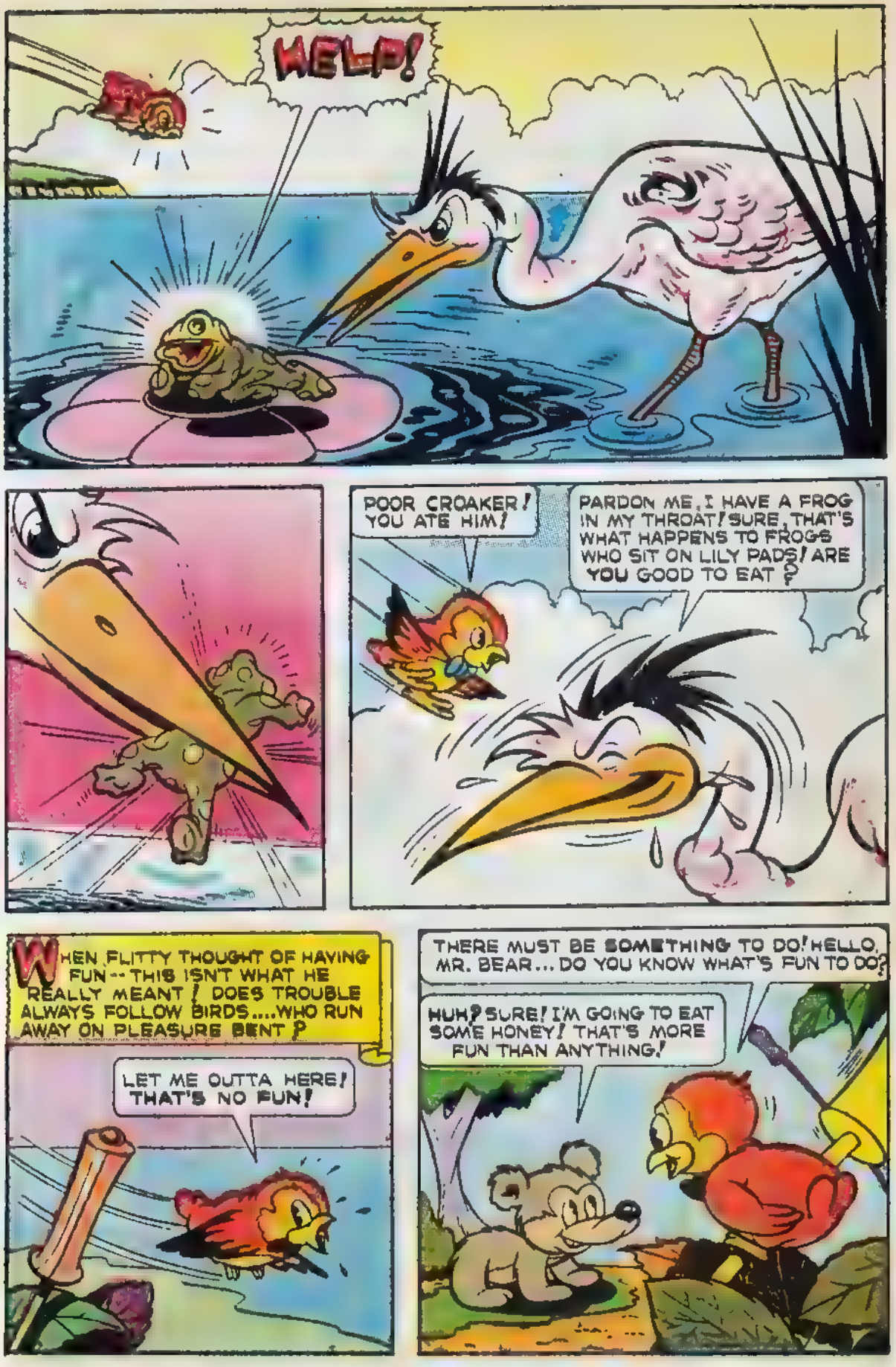
"ATCHOO!"

TOOK HIS AND WAS GO-
ING DOWN TO THE BROOK TO
ON THE WAY DOWN HE MET....
"SAY, " SAID , "I TRIED TO
YOU I WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU
WANTED TO GO ING? "I AM!"
INTERRUPTED . "WELL, WHERE IS YOUR
ING POLE?" ASKED "WELL,

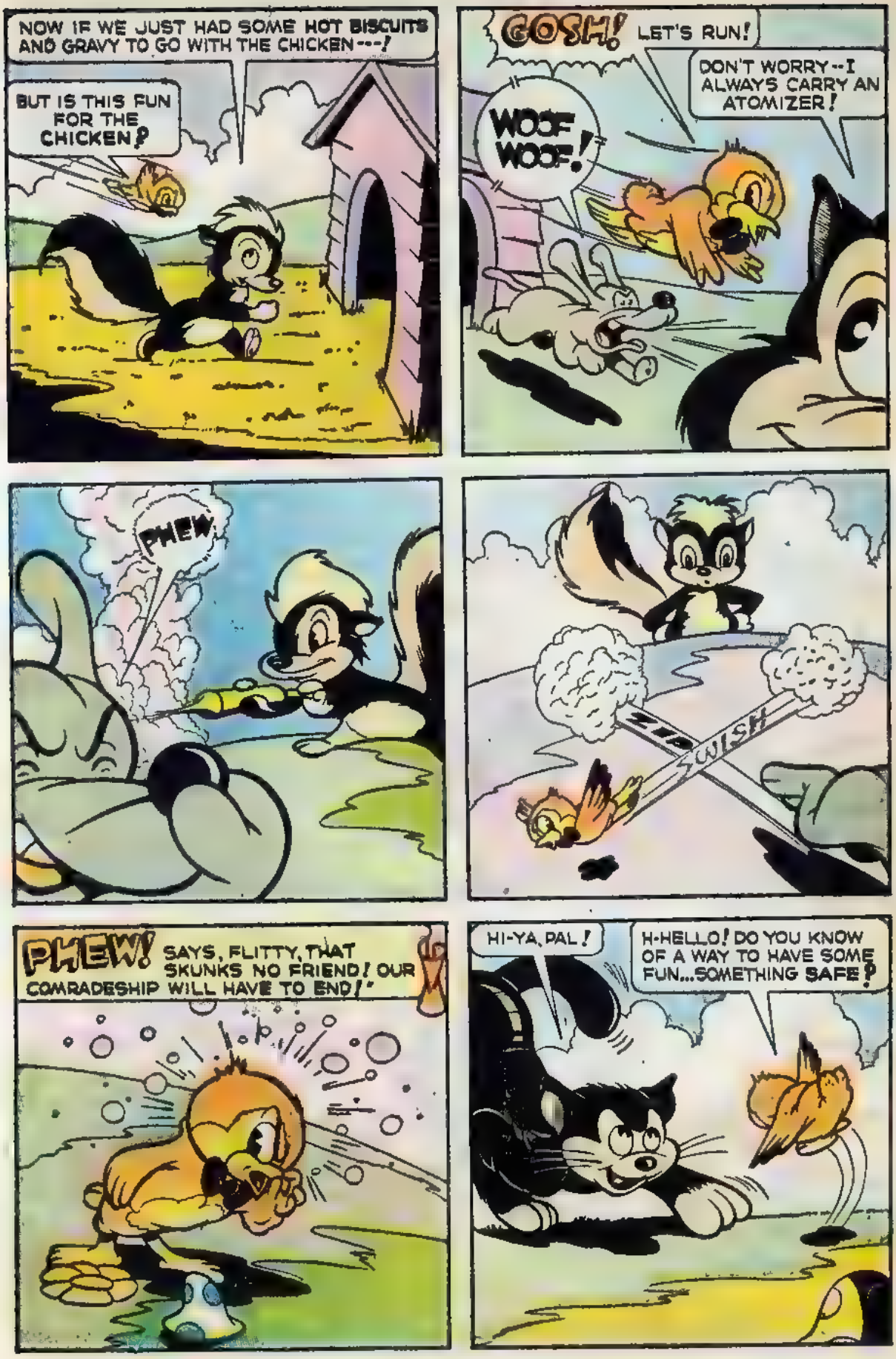

YOU SEE, DON'T USE ANY
I JUST USE PEPPER!" "HOW CAN YOU
CATCH WITH PEPPER?" ASKED
LAUGHED SOME MORE THEN
SAID..."I'LL TELL YOU, *FIRST* YOU
OPEN A BOX OF PEPPER THEN YOU
SPRINKLE SOME ON TOP OF THE
WATER, THEN WHEN THE
COME UP TO SNEEZE.... ALL
YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO PUT
YOUR OUT AND GRAB THE
"WOW!!" WHAT A LINE YOU HAVE."
SAID,

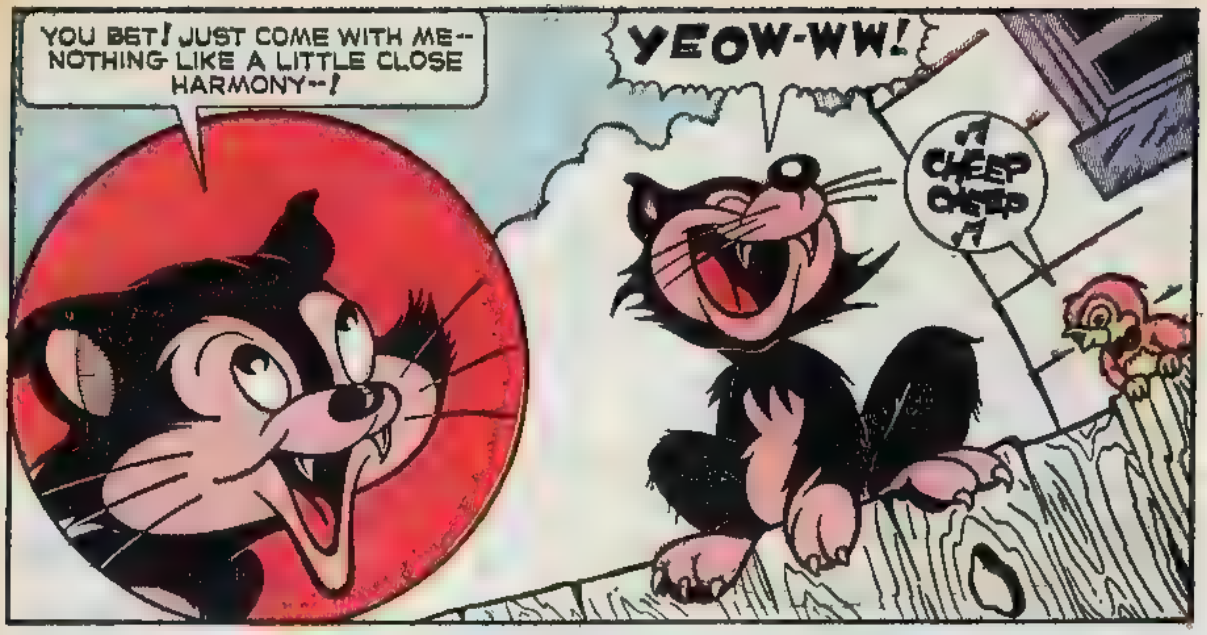

FLITTY FLICKER
FLITTY, WAKE UP! BREAKFAST IS READY!
THIS IS FLITTY FLICKER, WHO IS NOT AN EARLY BIRD! WHEN HIS MAMA CALLS TO WAKE HIM, HE PRETENDS HE HASN'T HEARD!
HURRY AND FINISH BREAKFAST, FLITTY, SO WE CAN GO OUT AND CLIMB UP AND DOWN TREE TRUNKS!
GOSH, MOM, I'M SICK OF RUNNING UP AND DOWN TREES AND CATCHING BUGS! CAN'T WE DO SOMETHING ELSE FOR A CHANGE?
AT LAST HE CAME TO BREAKFAST, BUT I'M SORRY I MUST SAY.... THAT HE'S DEFINITELY...YES, TRULY NOT BEHAVING WELL TODAY!
I DON'T WANNA! BAW-W-W!--- I'M TIRED OF IT!

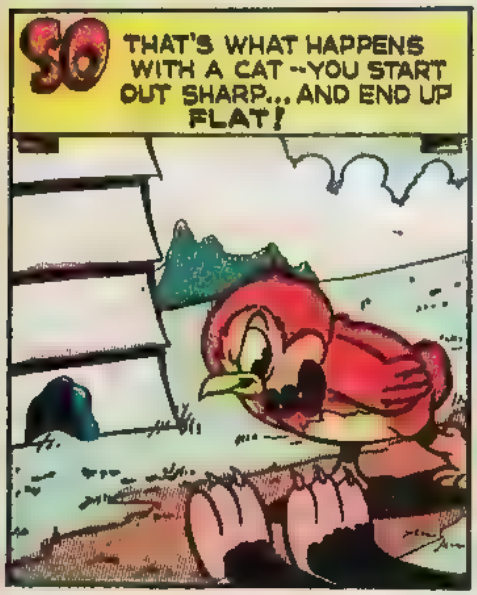

YOU EAT YOUR BREAKFAST OR YOU WON'T GO OUT AND PLAY TODAY!
BOO HOO HOO!
HMMM, WHY DON'T I TAKE MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS!
NAUGHTY FLITTY! RUN AWAY! --- FOR PRANKS LIKE THIS, YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY!
I'LL RUN AWAY, THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL BET I CAN FIND SOMETHING THAT'S FUN TO DO!
HI, CROAKER! WHAT DO YOU DO ALL DAY FOR FUN?
I JUMP FROM ONE LILY POND TO ANOTHER AND CATCH FLIES!
SEE, LIKE THIS! C'MON OVER!
WHEE! THIS IS FUN!

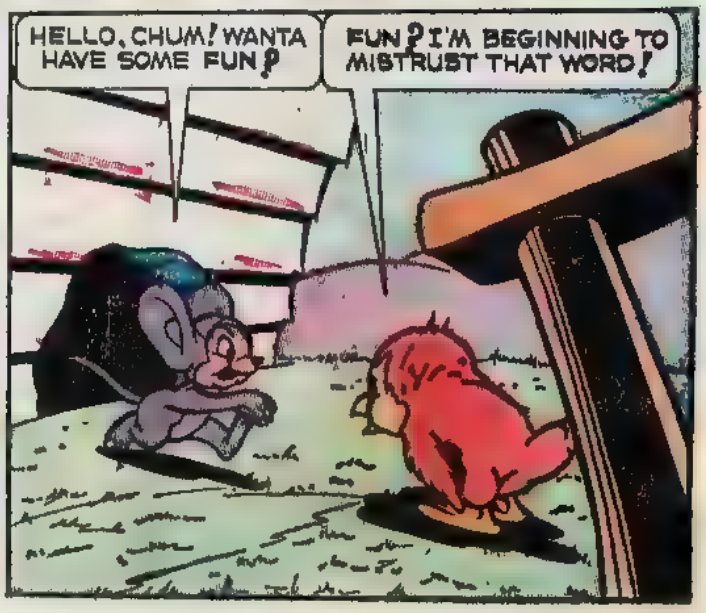

HELP!
POOR CROAKER! YOU ATE HIM!
PARDON ME, I HAVE A FROG IN MY THROAT! SURE, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS TO FROGS WHO SIT ON LILY PADS! ARE YOU GOOD TO EAT?
WHEN FLITTY THOUGHT OF HAVING FUN -- THIS ISN'T WHAT HE REALLY MEANT! DOES TROUBLE ALWAYS FOLLOW BIRDS....WHO RUN AWAY ON PLEASURE BENT?
LET ME OUTTA HERE! THAT'S NO FUN!
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING TO DO! HELLO, MR. BEAR... DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S FUN TO DO?
HUH? SURE! I'M GOING TO EAT SOME HONEY! THAT'S MORE FUN THAN ANYTHING!

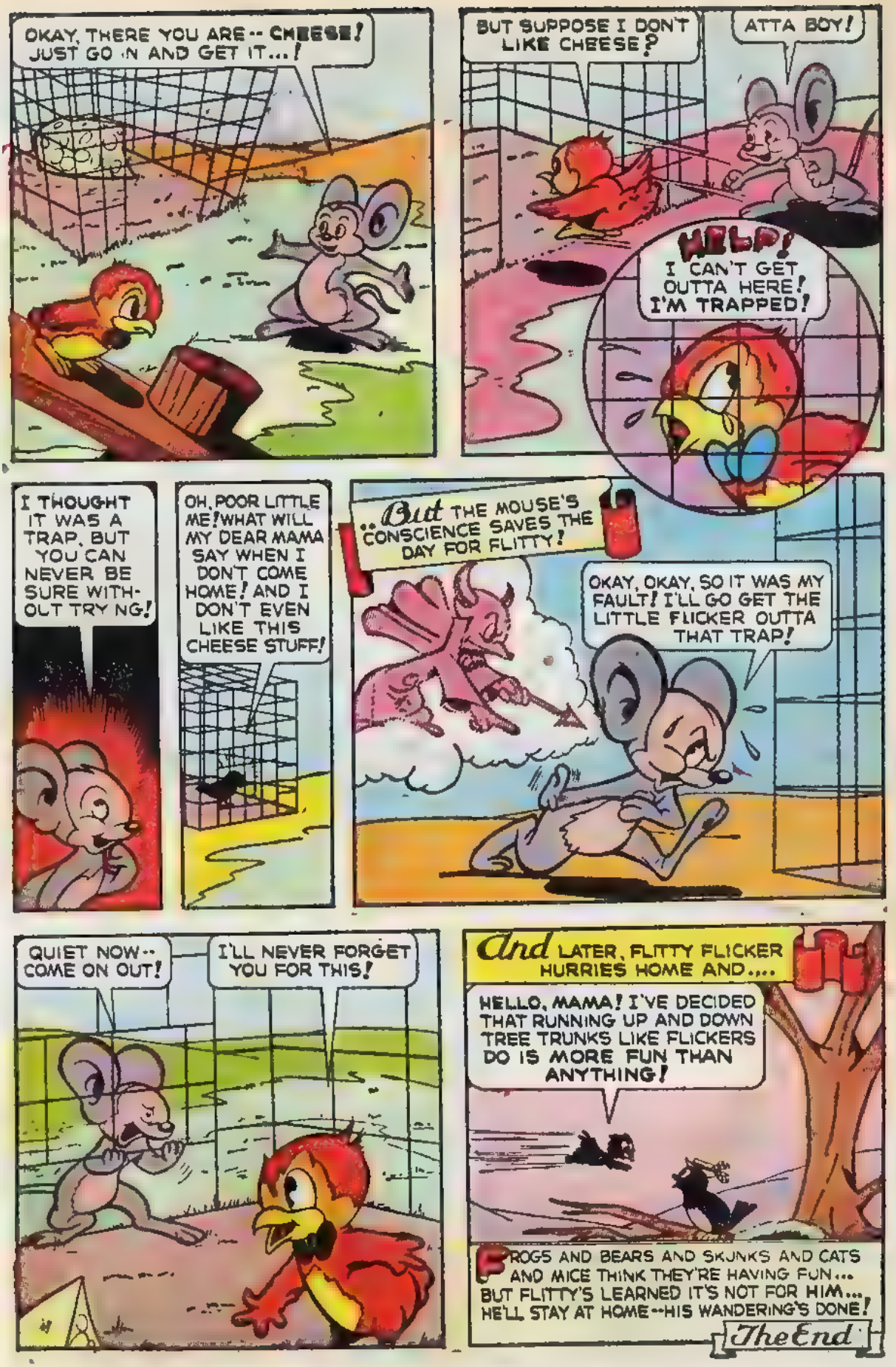
UMM! SNIFF-SNIFF! SMELL THAT GOOD OLE HONEY!
IT'S SWELL! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
BZZZ
LOOK OUT!
BEARS, SAYS FLITTY, MAY LIKE HONEY-- BUT NOT FOR HIM! THIS ISN'T FUN-NY!
POOR LITTLE ME! I'LL BET I'M THE UNHAPPIEST BIRD ALIVE!
WHAT'SA MATTER LIL' FLICKER? YOU DON'T LOOK VERY HAPPY!
DO YOU KNOW ANY-THING I CAN DO THAT'S FUN?
SURE! THE MOST FUN IS DOWN BY FARMER BROWN'S CHICKEN YARD WHERE I CAN CATCH ME A NICE FAT HEN! LET'S GO!


NOW IF WE JUST HAD SOME HOT BISCUITS AND GRAVY TO GO WITH THE CHICKEN---!
BUT IS THIS FUN FOR THE CHICKEN?
GOSH! LET'S RUN!
DON'T WORRY--I ALWAYS CARRY AN ATOMIZER!
WOOF WOOF!
PHEW
ZIP
SWISH
PHEW! SAYS, FLITTY, THAT SKUNKS NO FRIEND! OUR COMRADESHIP WILL HAVE TO END!"
HI-YA, PAL!
H-HELLO! DO YOU KNOW OF A WAY TO HAVE SOME FUN...SOMETHING SAFE?

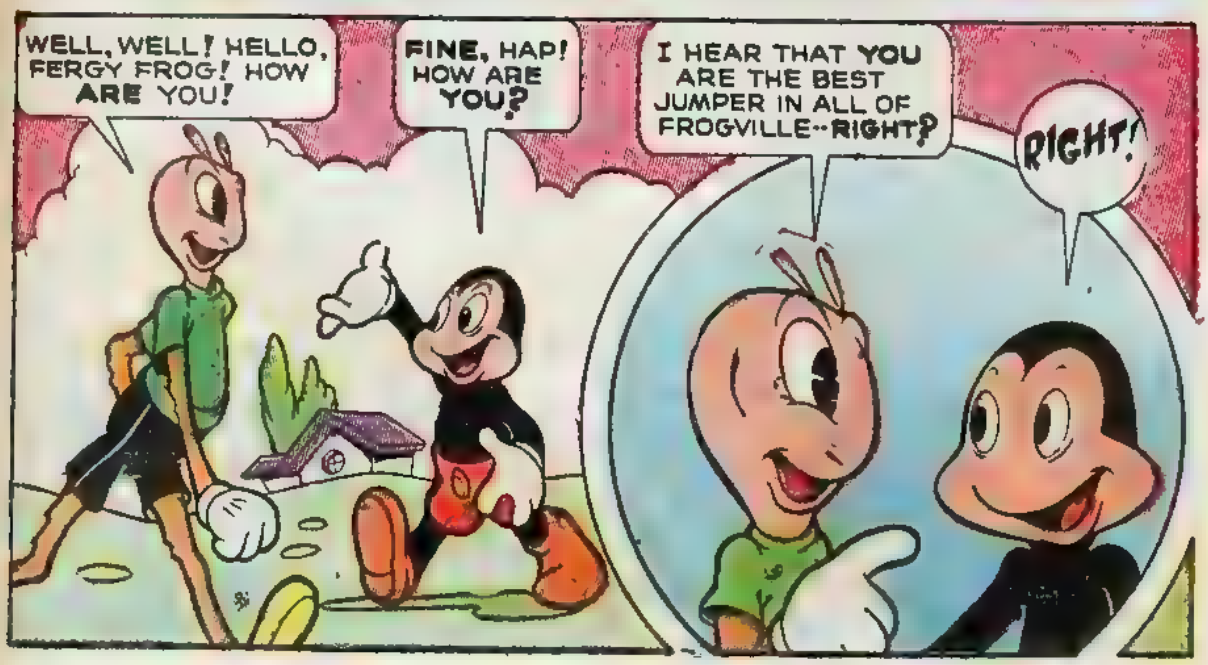

YOU BET! JUST COME WITH ME--NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE CLOSE HARMONY--!
YEOW-WW!
CHEEP CHEEP!

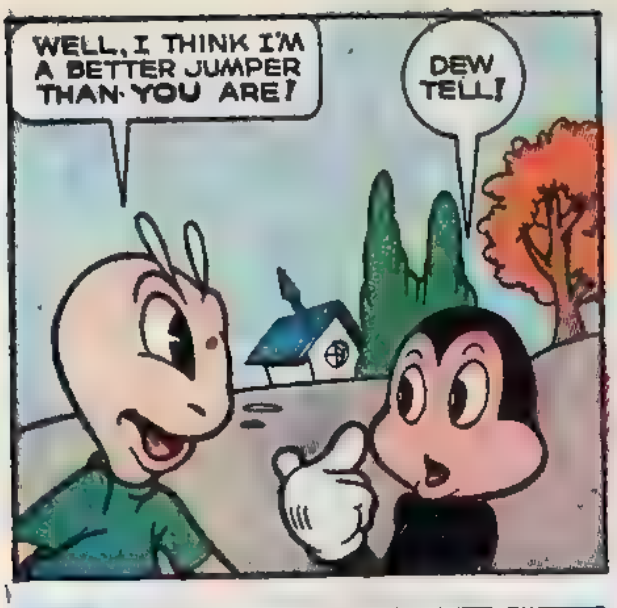

SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WITH A CAT --YOU START OUT SHARP... AND END UP FLAT!


HELLO, CHUM! WANTA HAVE SOME FUN?
FUN? I'M BEGINNING TO MISTRUST THAT WORD!

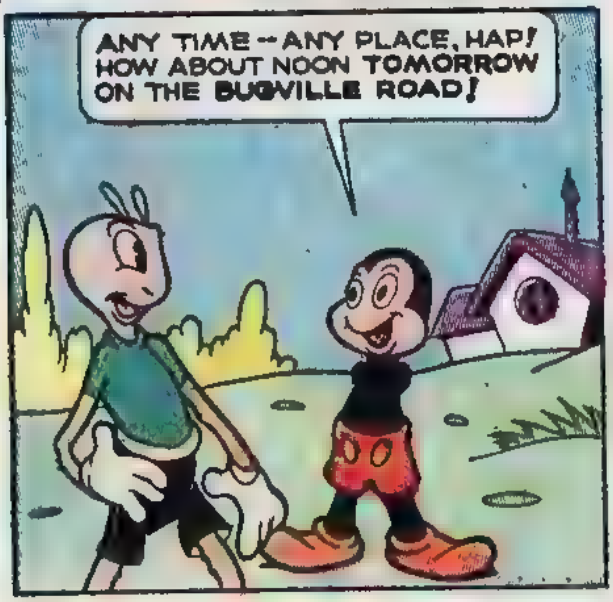

OKAY, THERE YOU ARE -- CHEESE! JUST GO IN AND GET IT...!
BUT SUPPOSE I DON'T LIKE CHEESE?
ATTA BOY!
HELP! I CAN'T GET OUTTA HERE! I'M TRAPPED!
I THOUGHT IT WAS A TRAP, BUT YOU CAN NEVER BE SURE WITHOUT TRY NG!
OH, POOR LITTLE ME! WHAT WILL MY DEAR MAMA SAY WHEN I DON'T COME HOME! AND I DON'T EVEN LIKE THIS CHEESE STUFF!
But THE MOUSE'S CONSCIENCE SAVES THE DAY FOR FLITTY!
OKAY, OKAY, SO IT WAS MY FAULT! I'LL GO GET THE LITTLE FLICKER OUTTA THAT TRAP!
QUIET NOW -- COME ON OUT!
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU FOR THIS!
And LATER, FLITTY FLICKER HURRIES HOME AND....
HELLO, MAMA! I'VE DECIDED THAT RUNNING UP AND DOWN TREE TRUNKS LIKE FLICKERS DO IS MORE FUN THAN ANYTHING!
FROGS AND BEARS AND SKUNKS AND CATS AND MICE THINK THEY'RE HAVING FUN... BUT FLITTY'S LEARNED IT'S NOT FOR HIM... HE'LL STAY AT HOME -- HIS WANDERING'S DONE!
The End

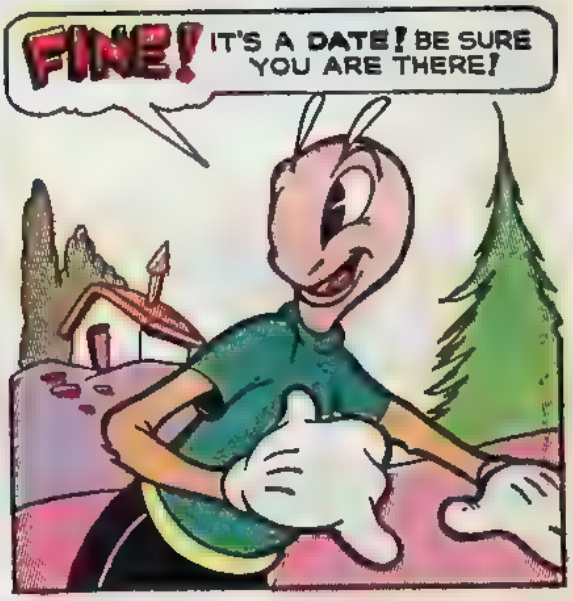
FERGY FROG
ARE YOU ALL SET FOR THE RACE, HAP?
SPRINGS?--BUT THAT'S DISHONEST!
BIG JUMPING CONTEST TODAY
FERGY FROG
VS
HAP GRASSHOPPER
100
PER PERSON

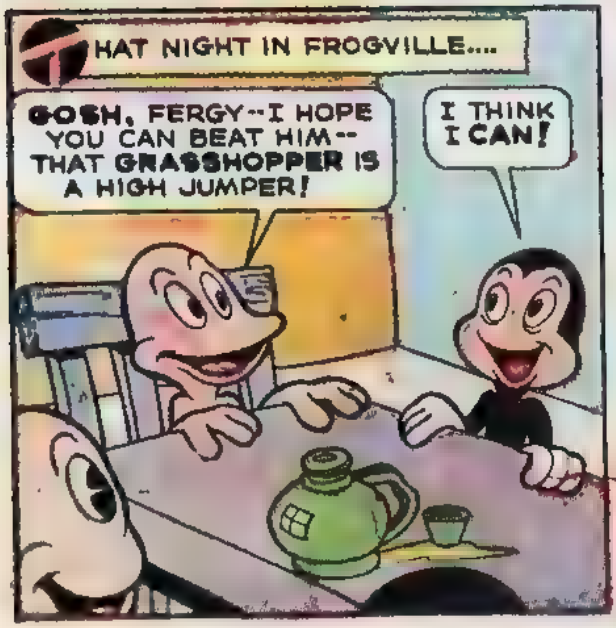

WELL, WELL! HELLO, FERGY FROG! HOW ARE YOU!
FINE, HAP! HOW ARE YOU?
I HEAR THAT YOU ARE THE BEST JUMPER IN ALL OF FROGVILLE--RIGHT?
RIGHT!

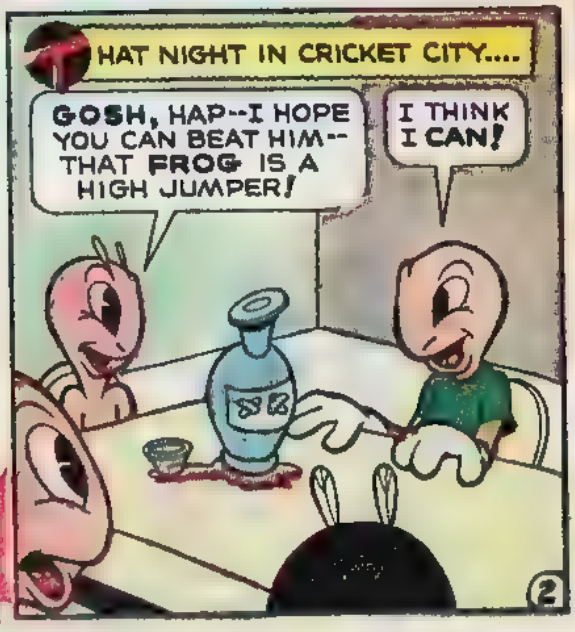

WELL, I THINK I'M A BETTER JUMPER THAN YOU ARE!
DEW TELL!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A ONE MILE JUMPING RACE? I'LL BET YOU TEN DOLLARS I CAN BEAT YOU!


ANY TIME -- ANY PLACE, HAP! HOW ABOUT NOON TOMORROW ON THE BUGVILLE ROAD!


FINE! IT'S A DATE! BE SURE YOU ARE THERE!


THAT NIGHT IN FROGVILLE....
GOSH, FERGY--I HOPE YOU CAN BEAT HIM-- THAT GRASSHOPPER IS A HIGH JUMPER!
I THINK I CAN!


THAT NIGHT IN CRICKET CITY....
GOSH, HAP--I HOPE YOU CAN BEAT HIM-- THAT FROG IS A HIGH JUMPER!
I THINK I CAN!
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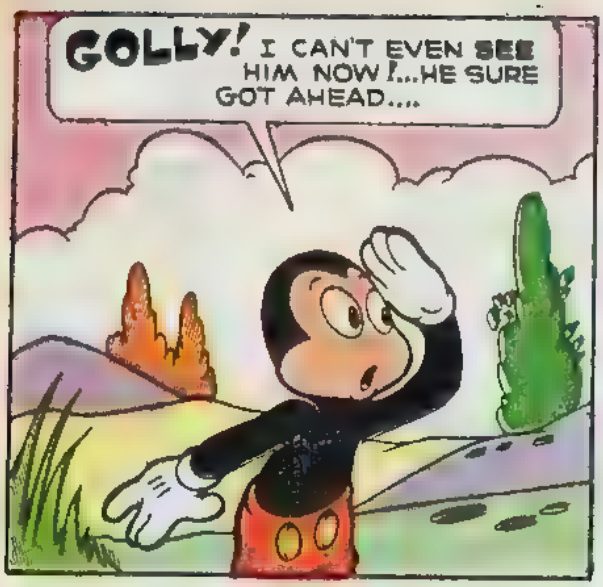
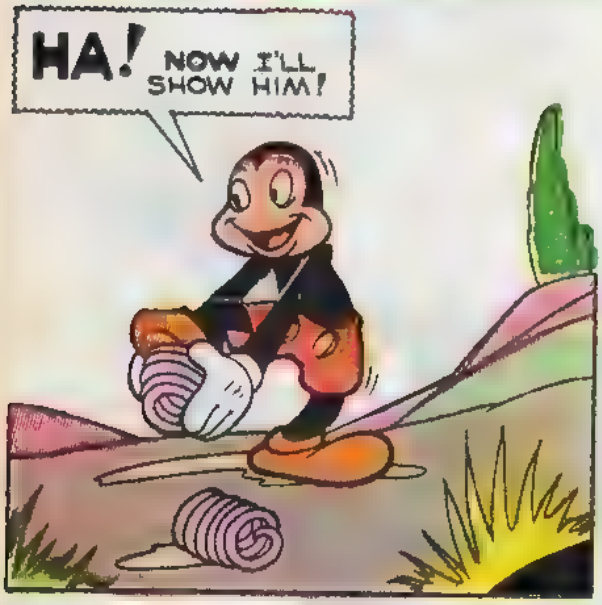
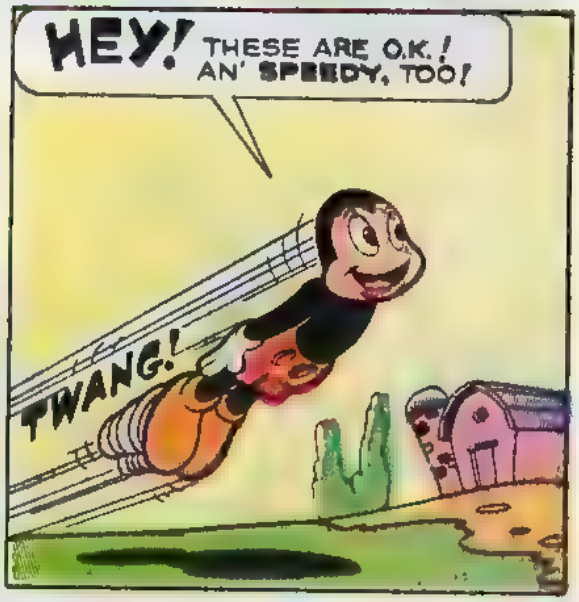
NOON, THE FOLLOWING DAY....
HURRAY
HURRAY FOR FERGUS FROG!
RAH RAH FERGY
RAH RAH HAP
YIPPEE
HURRAH
HURRAY FOR HAP GRASSHOPPER
HERE--AT ONE AND A THIRD OUNCES--FROGVILLE'S FAMOUS FERGUS FROG!
HERE--AT TWO OUNCES--- CRICKET CITY'S CELEBRITY, HAP GRASSHOPPER!
READY, SET--- GO!
BANG!
...and the race is on!!
YOU BETTER HURRY, FERGY--I'M ALREADY AHEAD!
YOU WON'T BE FOR LONG!
3

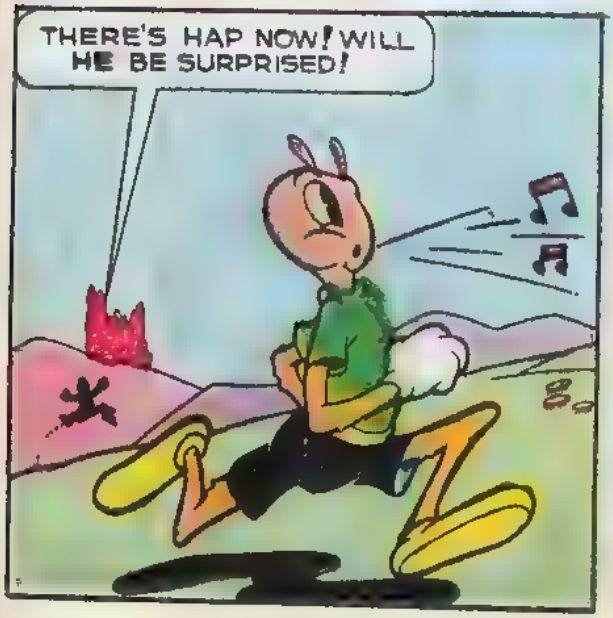
IN THE NEXT JUMP, FERGY LEAPS AHEAD, BUT....
OOF!
GET HIM-- QUICK!
YEH! DON'T FORGET WOT THE BOSS SAID!
HE BET ALL HIS MONEY ON HAP TO WIN... WE GOTTA HOLD ON TO DIS FROG FOR A WHILE!
THERE'LL BE NO HOLDS ON ME, BUD!
SOCK!
OOF!
THIS IS WHAT WE CALL A FROGLING FUPPERCUT!
OUCH!
NOW TO CATCH UP WITH HAP! HE'S GOT A GOOD JUMPING START ON ME BY NOW!

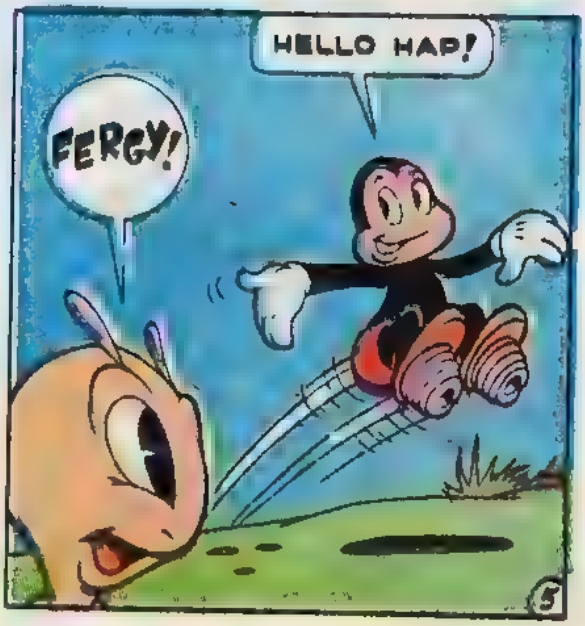

GOLLY! I CAN'T EVEN SEE HIM NOW!...HE SURE GOT AHEAD....

SAY... THOSE OLD SPRINGS GIVE ME AN IDEA!


HA! NOW I'LL SHOW HIM!


HEY! THESE ARE O.K.! AN' SPEEDY, TOO!
TWANG!


THERE'S HAP NOW! WILL HE BE SURPRISED!


HELLO HAP!
FERGY!
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WE'RE EVEN AGAIN!--EH, HAP?
YEAH, BUT IT WON'T BE FOR LONG---
--'CAUSE I'M GOING TO WIN!
THAT'S--
--WHAT--
--YOU THINK!
FINISH LINE
HURRAY FOR FERGY! HURRAY!
MY BOYS DIDN'T FIX THAT FROG BUT I WILL!
YAY!
YIPPEE
HURRAH
YAY!
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WELL, FERGY--YOU ARE A SMART FROG--IT WAS A GOOD, FAIR RACE!
THANKS, HAP! YOU'RE A GOOD LOSER!
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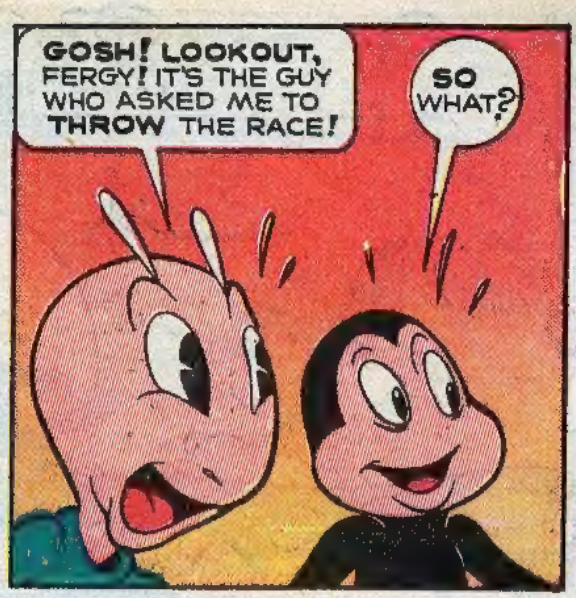
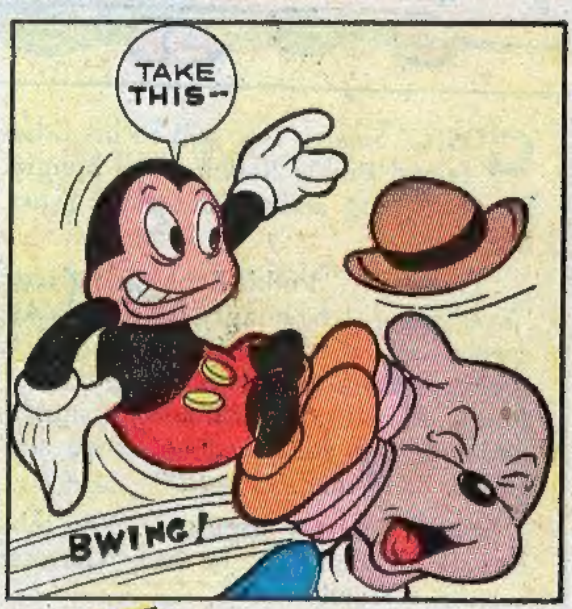

GOSH! LOOKOUT, FERGY! IT'S THE GUY WHO ASKED ME TO THROW THE RACE!
SO WHAT?

SO.... I'LL FIX YOU BOTH---- YOU CAUSED ME TO LOSE ALL MY MONEY!


TAKE THIS--
BWING!

AN' THAT!
BOP

Later:
GOSH! THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, FERGUS!
YOU KNOW, HAP-- YOU'RE NOT SUCH A BAD GUY-- LET'S START A JUMPING CLUB!
The End

CARROT CHOPS

"GOSH," Smarty Fox said to his little friend Pinkie Rabbit, "I'm hungry for something and I can't think what it is!"

"That's silly," Pinkie Rabbit answered. "You've got to be hungry for something special—and then you *know* what it is. I always know what I'm hungry for!" Pinkie Rabbit's face broadened into a wide smile as he licked his chops and added, "and that's *carrots!*"

Smarty Fox was disgusted. "You rabbits are all the same," he said, "Carrots, carrots, carrots!"

"At least we always know what we want," Pinkie retorted.

"Sure," Smarty said, "but you got to be able to appreciate a lot of different kinds of foods to be able to be hungry for something and not even remember what it is!"

"I suppose that's *something!*" Pinkie snorted.

"Sure it is," Smarty said. "A person like that is a real food expert. Like me."

"If you're such an expert," Pinkie teased, "how come you can't even remember what it is you're hungry for?"

Smarty Fox was annoyed now. He wanted to show Pinkie up, but at the same time he needed Pinkie's help to do it. Smarty finally said, "Don't you remember what Mister Bear was talking about last night? the kind of food, I mean?"

Pinkie thought this one over carefully. Then he had to admit, "Well, I remember he was talking about *some* kind of food, but—"

"Hah!" Smarty Fox sneered, "you don't even remember what is was *yourself!*"

"But I don't *have* to remember it," Pinkie said, "you're the one who's hungry for it!"

"That's true," Smarty said, not feeling a bit smart. Then he sighed a deep sigh. It was plain to see he was very hungry for this special kind of food—whatever it was.

"Tell you what I'll do," Pinkie said, feeling sorry for his friend, "I'll help you find out what it is!"

"How will we do that?" Smarty asked.

"By tasting lots of different kinds of food. Then—when we come to the right one—we'll remember it!" Pinkie felt very proud of himself for figuring all this out.

"Swell idea!" Smarty Fox agreed, and off they went in search of the mysterious morsel that was making his mouth water like mad.

FIRST they came to the farmer's watermelon patch and Pinkie suggested they try that first. Smarty Fox wasn't sure it *wasn't* what he wanted so he tried it.

"Umm, *good!*" Smarty said as he gulped down the watermelon.

"Swell!" Pinkie beamed. "I knew I'd find it for you!"

"Oh *this* isn't what I'm hungry for," Smarty said as he finished his watermelon.

"It *isn't?*" Pinkie asked, very disappointed. Then he got another idea and dragged Smarty to a big oak tree. "See the bee hive up there, Smarty?"

"I see it," Smarty said. "What now?"

"Honey!" Pinkie said. "I'll bet that's just what you're looking for!" And with that he threw a big rock up at the bee's nest and 'THUNK!' it hit it squarely. The beehive swayed back and forth for a few seconds, then 'PLOP!' it fell to the ground right in front of them.

"Now let's eat the—" But Pinkie never got a chance to finish his sentence. The swarm of bees came out of the hive like column of smoke and chased them until they had to jump into the brook to get away from the angry bees. The bees hovered over the spot where they went down for a while, then they went away.

"Phew!" Smarty Fox finally said as he stuck his head up for air. "It's a lucky thing I was thirsty or I wouldn't have been able to stay under so long!"

"Thirsty?" Pinkie howled. "Don't tell me you were only hungry for a drink of *water?*"

"No—" Smarty said, "it wasn't that—I'm *sure* of it!"

"Okay," Pinkie said, kind of disgusted by now, "let's go back and try the honey." And they did.

After all the honey was gone—and good old Smarty ate most of it, Pinkie asked, "Was *that* what you were hungry for?"

Smarty didn't answer for a few minutes. He was thinking it all over. Finally he said—"No! It was something else—I'm *sure* of it!"

"Wait here!" Pinkie said, very determined, and ran off. Smarty sat down in a clumb of leaves under a big tree and rested while he waited. Finally Pinkie came running back with his arms full of grapes, apples and pears. "Try these," he said. And Smarty did. He ate every last piece of fruit.

"Was that what you were hungry for?" the tired rabbit asked.

"Nope," Smarty answered, and his eyes started to close. He felt very comfortable sitting on those soft leaves. Pinkie just stood there thinking. Suddenly his eyes lit on the leaves on which the fox was lying.

"LOOK!" Pinkie shouted, pointing at the leaves. Smarty Fox jumped as if he'd been shot at.

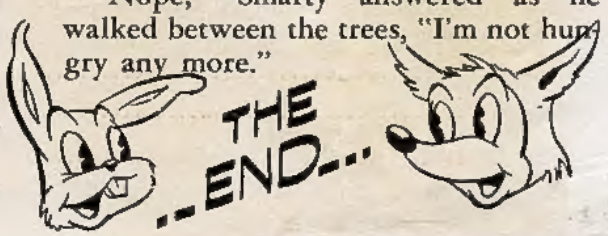
"W-what is it?" he exclaimed, *"poison ivy?"*

"No!" Pinkie answered, "it's what you've been looking for! I just remembered when I saw them. See?—*strawberries!"*

"Well I'll be darned!" Smarty Fox beamed. "You're right! That's exactly what it was!" Then he said, "thanks a lot, Pinkie," and started to walk away.

"Hey!" Pinkie called after him, aren't you going to *eat* any?"

"Nope," Smarty answered as he walked between the trees, "I'm not hungry any more."



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